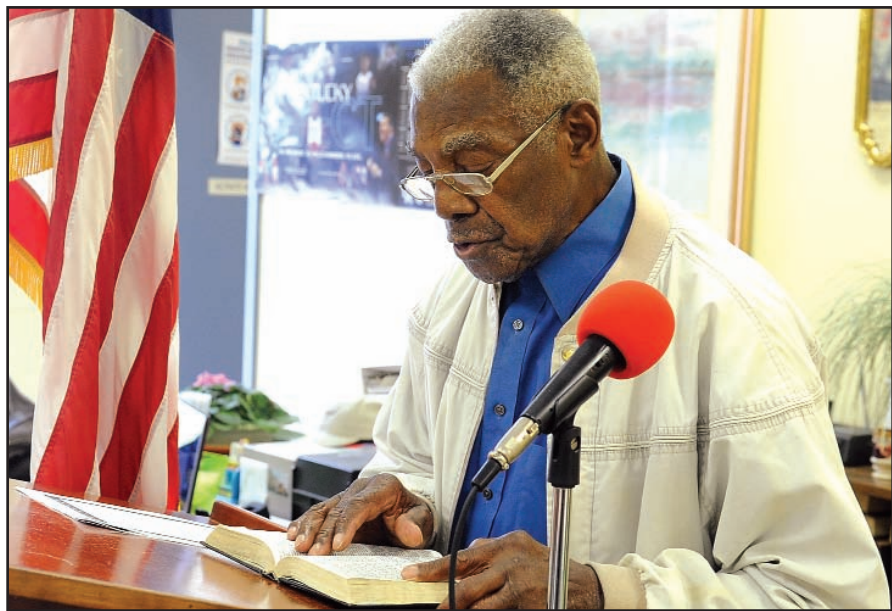


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BLACK HISTORY MONTH Celebration of Unity



Dr. Alicestyne Turley of the Underground Railroad Research Institute at the University of Louisville was the guest speaker Friday during The Generations Center Annual Celebration of Unity Black History program, top photo. Turley talked about the underground railroad and of a slave, George French Ecton, who escaped from his owners on Ecton Road just outside of Winchester around 1865. Ecton made his way to Cincinnati and eventually to Chicago, Ill., where it is believed he was the first black to be elected to the Illinois 35th General Assembly. At left, Edna Burley, left, and Geneva Simmons joined in the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," which is also known as the Negro National Anthem, bottom left photo. Harvey Robinson, recipient of the 2012 Martin Luther King Lifetime Achievement Award, reads several passages from the Bible to open the program, above. James Mann/jmann@winchestersun.com

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Beshear budget expected to gain approval

FRANKFORT (AP) — No new taxes and no pay raises will likely remain cornerstones of the next state budget, a key Kentucky lawmaker said Sunday.

House Appropriations and Revenue Committee Chairman Rick Rand told reporters he expects no major overhaul of Gov. Steve Beshear's \$19.5 billion, two-year budget proposal. Lawmakers will likely do only "fine tuning" to the Democratic governor's austere spending plan, leaving state workers with no promise of bigger paychecks.

"I just don't see any way that we can afford to do any pay increases this cycle," Rand said.

House lawmakers spent Sunday meeting privately at the Capitol to review Beshear's budget proposal, which could be presented for a floor vote within two weeks.

Plans are for a floor vote between March 6 and March 9.

Rand said he sees no way to strike the 8.4 percent in cuts that Beshear proposed for most government agencies because revenues still haven't rebounded sufficiently.

"It's going to be awfully hard to find money in this budget," he said.

Beshear declared "the day of reckoning has come" when he presented his budget proposal last month. Only education, public safety and a handful of other programs would be spared under his plan to close a \$742 million shortfall for the two-year budget starting July 1.

Beshear proposed \$286 million in cuts in the first year of the biennial budget, but none in the second year.

The cuts would be especially difficult for agencies that have already trimmed their budgets by more than 30 percent over the past four years.

State economists have predicted that Kentucky's economy will grow over the next two years, and that

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Clark student's work makes statewide calendar

By Katie Perkowski
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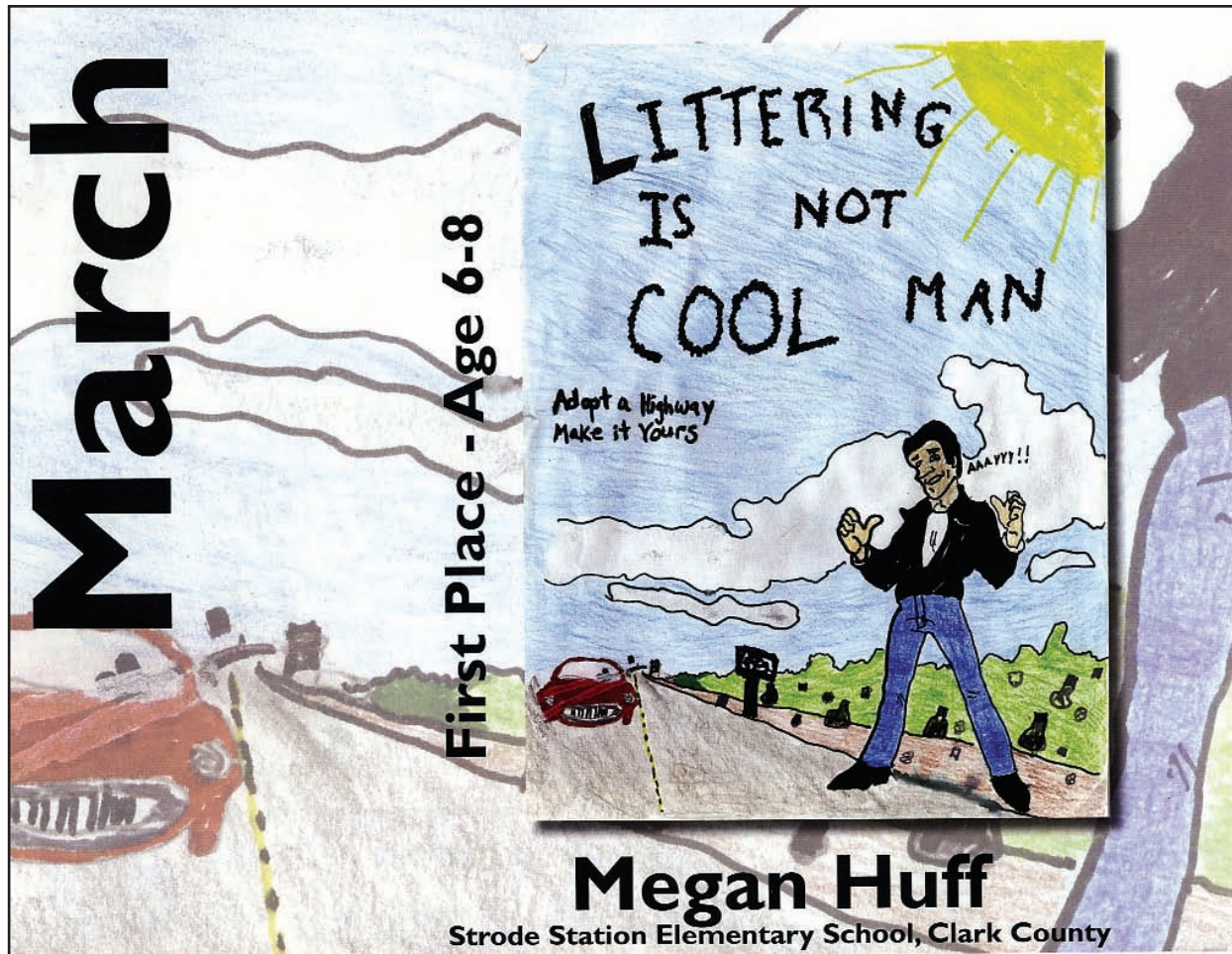
In March, a drawing by Strode Station Elementary third-grader Megan Huff will be seen by school children and teachers statewide.

Megan was the first-place winner of the 6-8 age group in the 2011 Adopt-a-Highway Make it Yours Art Contest, which is sponsored by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and her drawing was made to discourage litter.

The contest has aimed to increase environmental awareness among children for more than 10 years. It also aims to educate children about the effects of litter and change attitudes about littering. Children ages 6 to 17 can participate, and are asked to create a poster no larger

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EDUCATION



Megan Huff, a third-grader at Strode Station Elementary School, won first place in the 6-8 age division of the 2011 Adopt-a-Highway Make it Yours Art Contest for this drawing. Her drawing, along with the other winners, is featured in a calendar that was distributed to teachers statewide. Photo submitted

Obituaries

MARY CLAY MEERS

Mary Clay Meers, 82, widow of William T. Meers, passed away at 2:58 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25 at her home. A native of Clark County, she was the daughter of the late Ishmael and Gladys Palmer Roundtree. Mary was a retired Delta Natural Gas Company employee and a member of the River of Life Assembly of God Church in Paris. Survivors include her son, Thomas Keith Meers; a grandson, William T. Meers II; a sister, Gail R. Swafford; two sisters-in-law, Glenda Roundtree and Linda Meers; a brother-in-law, Dale Nap-

per; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to her husband and parents, Mary was preceded in death by her brother, Ronnie Roundtree and her sister, Wilma Nap- per. Memorial services will be conducted at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at the River of Life Assembly of God Church, 829 Clintonville Road, Paris. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, 1795 Alysheba Way, Suite 3104, Lexington, KY 40509-2280. The online guest book is at www.scobeefuneralhome.com and the 24-hour funeral information line can be reached by dialing 744-2122.

KATHLEEN TAULBEE

Kathleen Taulbee, 77, Winchester passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, at her residence. She was a member of the Winchester Community Church. She was the daughter of the late John and Daisy (Shaffer) Miller, and is also preceded in death by a son, William "Bill" Taulbee; a daughter-in-law, Betty Taulbee; two sisters, Beulah Lyons & Maxine Stringer; two brothers, Jack Miller and Junior Miller; and a grandson, Audie Justin Banks. She is survived by her hus-

band, Stanley Taulbee of Winchester; two sons, Ralph (Donna) Taulbee of Winchester and David Taulbee of Jackson; one daughter, Susan (Audie) Banks of Winchester; two brothers, Foster Miller and Ivan Miller of Paintsville; one sister, Violet Shahan of McGaheysville, Va.; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Breathitt Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leonard Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in the Field Branch Cemetery at Lower Taulbee, Frozen. Breathitt Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Police/fire

WINCHESTER POLICE

Charged

— Sidney Ray Deaton, 42, of Rogers, was charged Saturday with theft by unlawful taking. — William Fulz, 34, of 15 Sterling St. Apt. 15, was charged Sunday with first-degree robbery and first-degree assault. — Michael R. Golden, 36, of Lexington, was charged Sunday with reckless driving, resisting arrest and driving under the influence. — Crystal Miller, 29, of Rogers, was charged Saturday with theft by unlawful taking.

Reports

— At 5:15 p.m. Friday, a person reported the theft of a credit card. — At 6:58 p.m. Friday, officers were called to 543 N. Maple St. concerning a stolen vehicle. — At 8:53 p.m. Friday, officers were called to 1138 Dale Drive concerning a theft of debit cards. — At 9:20 p.m. Saturday, officers were called to Walmart concerning two suspects. Sidney Deaton and Crystal Miller were arrested and charged with theft by unlawful taking. — At 12:05 a.m. Sunday, officers were called to 30 Wheeler Ave. after a man was shot in the leg at College Park. William Fulz was arrested and charged with first-degree robbery and first-degree assault. — At 12:17 p.m. Sunday, a person reported that someone created a Facebook account with her name and was posting sexual comments.

— At 4:04 p.m. Sunday, officers were called to 8 Carol Road concerning a theft. — At 5:33 p.m. Sunday, officers were called to 414 E. Broadway concerning a theft of medication and an assault. — At 7:58 p.m. Sunday, officers were called to 10 Linden Ave. concerning a theft of a cell phone and three packs of cigarettes.

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

Charged

— Katherine K. White, 42, of Lexington, was charged Saturday with driving under the influence and careless driving. — Carl F. Stamper Jr., 38, of Mount Sterling, was charged Saturday with driving under the influence and failure to notify state of address change.

WINCHESTER FIRE-EMS

— During the weekend, emergency personnel conducted seven local transfers and nine out-of-town transfers. They also responded to nine general medical calls, seven cardiac cases, four falls, five respiratory cases, one seizure, one overdose and two assaults.

CLARK COUNTY FIRE

— At 1:23 p.m. Sunday, firefighters assisted EMS personnel with a call on Cabin Creek Road. — At 3:03 p.m. Sunday, firefighters assisted EMS personnel with a call on L&E Junction Road.

State briefs

Public financing proposed for Supreme Court races

FRANKFORT (AP) — Fearing wealthy donors might unduly influence Supreme Court races, a Kentucky lawmaker is pushing a longshot proposal that would create a public financing system for would-be justices on the state's highest court. State Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, said the legislation is needed in the wake of a 2010 U.S. Supreme Court decision, known as the Citizens United case, that paved the way for corporations, unions and wealthy individuals to contribute as much as they want to independent political groups to support candidates and causes.

"It's conceivable that special interests could buy Supreme Court justices and put them on the bench," Wayne said. "We think that our system is vulnerable to this type of purchase of

Supreme Court justices." Proponents of public finances for justices contend that unscrupulous donors could have a broader impact on the Supreme Court with seven seats than on the state Legislature with 138 seats. They insist justices should be shielded from that influence. In the Citizens United case, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that independent spending by corporations does "not give rise to corruption or the appearance of corruption." Wayne pointed to West Virginia as an example of big money influencing a state Supreme Court race.

Power restored after Olive Hill blaze

OLIVE HILL (AP) — Power has been restored to the eastern Kentucky city of Olive Hill after a fire caused all electricity to the town to be shut down. All 2,100 residents were plunged into darkness late

Saturday after a fire broke out at Parker's Bargain Center, according to the Herald-Leader. Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Rodgers said the power had to be cut because lines running in front of two burning structures were falling near firefighters. More than 70 firefighters from nine departments fought the fire that was extinguished early Sunday. There were no injuries and Rodgers said power was restored to the town in Carter County about two hours after it was turned off. The cause is still under investigation. The fire displaced residents of three upstairs apartments.

Five Occupy Louisville protesters arrested

LOUISVILLE (AP) — Police have arrested five Occupy Louisville protesters after a confrontation in front of a Chase bank branch where the group was holding

a demonstration. Several witnesses to the event Saturday afternoon told The Courier-Journal that they saw physical encounters between protesters and officers. Louisville Metro Police spokesman Dwight Mitchell said bank managers reported that protesters tried to enter the facility. He said officers told demonstrators that their protest could not block the entrance of the bank nor could they prevent customers from entering. He said shortly afterward, protesters tried to rush the door and officers ended up arresting five of them. Occupy Louisville spokeswoman Lark Phillips said she wasn't sure what sparked the confrontation between protesters and police, but that the 35 or so participants didn't block the bank's entrances, sidewalk or traffic. "I didn't see anybody doing anything illegal," she said.

Local briefs

GRC SBDM to meet

The George Rogers Clark High School-based Decision-making Council will meet Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the school library.

GTE retirees invited to lunch Thursday

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GTE/Osram/Sylvania retirees will meet for lunch Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Jade Garden. All retirees and former employees are invited.

Quilt exhibit opens at Bluegrass Heritage Museum

The Bean family quilt ex-

hibit will open at the Bluegrass Heritage Museum Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.

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59/32 Mainly sunny. High 59F. Winds WSW at 10 to 15 mph.	60/52 A few clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 50s.	65/41 Windy with scattered thunderstorms. Potential for severe thunderstorms.	51/35 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	64/44 Showers. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s.
Sunrise 7:12 AM Sunset 6:28 PM	Sunrise 7:10 AM Sunset 6:29 PM	Sunrise 7:09 AM Sunset 6:30 PM	Sunrise 7:08 AM Sunset 6:31 PM	Sunrise 7:06 AM Sunset 6:32 PM

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Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	61	28	sunny	Glasgow	61	34	sunny	Murray	61	39	sunny
Bowling Green	63	35	sunny	Hopkinsville	61	34	sunny	Nashville, TN	64	37	sunny
Cincinnati, OH	57	29	sunny	Knoxville, TN	63	37	mst sunny	Owensboro	58	33	sunny
Corbin	62	33	sunny	Lexington	58	31	sunny	Paducah	59	37	sunny
Covington	56	28	sunny	Louisville	59	34	sunny	Pikeville	64	37	sunny
Cynthiana	58	28	sunny	Madisonville	59	34	sunny	Prestonsburg	61	31	sunny
Danville	58	31	sunny	Mayfield	62	38	sunny	Richmond	59	32	sunny
Elizabethtown	58	31	sunny	Middlesboro	65	36	sunny	Russell Springs	61	33	sunny
Evansville, IN	56	31	sunny	Morehead	59	29	sunny	Somerset	62	33	pt sunny
Frankfort	58	30	sunny	Mount Vernon	60	31	sunny	Winchester	59	32	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	60	44	cloudy	Houston	69	62	rain	Phoenix	69	42	windy
Boston	51	32	windy	Los Angeles	56	41	rain	San Francisco	53	41	pt sunny
Chicago	37	27	pt sunny	Miami	81	69	t-storm	Seattle	46	32	sunny
Dallas	65	57	rain	Minneapolis	28	24	pt sunny	St. Louis	52	35	mst sunny
Denver	43	30	windy	New York	56	36	sunny	Washington, DC	64	38	sunny

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Lunch corner

Here's what local schools are serving Tuesday, Feb. 28

Elementary schools

Breakfast

Choice of egg, bacon and cheese biscuit, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch

Choice of Bosco sticks with marinara sauce, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, Cheerios and yogurt, chef salad, corn, garden salad, fruit and milk.

Middle schools

Breakfast

Choice of pancake on a stick, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch

Choice of chicken bake, Salisbury steak with gravy, sack lunch, soup and sandwich, grilled chicken salad, green peas, mashed potatoes with gravy, California blend vegetables, roll, fruit and milk.

High school

Breakfast

Choice of ham, egg and cheese croissant, sausage biscuit, peanut butter and jelly, breakfast pastry or muffin, cereal and toast, juice or fruit and milk.

Lunch

Country Kitchen: Hot brown, vegetable of the day.

Salad and More: Salad choice, soup and sensational sandwich, club sandwich on croissant.

Pizza line: Pizza choice

Hot Zone: Mini cheeseburgers, chicken nuggets, french fries, vegetable of the day.

Chicken and More: Chicken nuggets, mini cheeseburgers, french fries, vegetable of the day.

Kentucky Lottery

These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Sunday:
Pick 3 Evening: 1-8-5
Pick 4 Evening: 4-1-9-3

These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Saturday:
Cash Ball
06-09-15-24, Cash Ball: 10, Kicker: 9-7-2-5-3

Pick 3 Evening: 6-2-4
Pick 3 Midday: 1-8-9
Pick 4 Evening: 3-6-5-3
Pick 4 Midday: 1-4-8-9
Powerball
06-11-42-53-54, Powerball: 7

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'Simply heartbreaking'

Drug czar offers sad assessment of state's drug problem

FRANKFORT (AP) — The White House drug czar described the prescription drug abuse epidemic that's ravaging the Appalachians as "simply heartbreaking" in a meeting with governors from the region on Sunday.

National Drug Control Policy Director Gil Kerlikowske met with Govs. Robert Bentley of Alabama, Steve Beshear of Kentucky, Phil Bryant of Mississippi, Beverly Perdue of North Carolina, Tom Corbett of Pennsylvania, Bill Haslam of Ten-

nessee, and Earl Ray Tomblin of West Virginia.

"The devastation wrought by prescription drug abuse on Appalachian communities is simply heartbreaking," Kerlikowske said in a statement. "Prescription drug abuse is claiming too many lives, threatening public safety, and placing unnecessary obstacles in the way of economic prosperity in Appalachia."

Kentucky has been especially hard hit. Beshear has said more than 80

Kentuckians on average are dying from prescription drug overdoses each month. That, he said, is more than are being killed in traffic accidents in the state.

"While we must ensure that Americans have legitimate access to life-saving prescription medications, the Obama Administration also remains laser focused on addressing this epidemic through a comprehensive public health and safety approach," Kerlikowske said.

Kerlikowske visited the region last year to see the damage painkiller abuse has caused. He made several stops in Kentucky at the invitation of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell.

Appalachian Regional Commission Federal Co-Chair Earl F. Gohl also weighed in the problem Sunday.

"It devastates families, creates burdens for communities, and undermines the employability of the workforce," Gohl said in a statement.

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than 11 3/4 inches by 16 1/2 inches.

"We promote the contest to all the schools and encourage them to participate, and then they're able to demonstrate their creativity and artwork on paper through the poster contest," said Miranda Thacker, statewide coordinator of the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Megan's poster features a drawing of the ultra-smooth Fonzie of "Happy Days" on the side of the road discouraging passengers of a passing car from throwing trash out of the window. In big letters at the top of her drawing is the phrase "Littering is not cool man."

Megan, 9, a student of Genell Gullett's class at Strode Station Elementary, said she entered the contest for social studies, and she got the idea to include "the Fonz" after watching an episode of "Happy Days" with her dad.

"My dad showed me 'the Fonz,'" Megan said. "I thought of a road with a car throwing out trash."

Megan said the picture took her "almost all night" to complete.

There are four different age groups in the contest, and judges pick winners for first through third places in each division.

The 12 children who place first through third have their posters featured in a calendar, and it is distributed to all schools in Kentucky.

When Megan found out she won and her drawing would be featured in the calendar, she was surprised.

"My teacher just yelled, 'And Megan won!' and I felt like 'Oh my gosh,'" she said.

The winners got to miss a day of school to attend a lunch in Bardstown, where they were each presented with framed copies of their drawings with their name and place inscribed on it. Megan also received a \$100 savings bond.

Megan said she enjoyed meeting different people from across the state at the lunch.

She was allowed to take anyone she wanted to the lunch, and she chose her parents, her teacher and Principal Susan Cheatham.

"I wanted to bring my parents," she said. "Because it wouldn't have been the same without them."

Thursday, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will begin taking entries for the 2012 contest.

This year, the overall win-

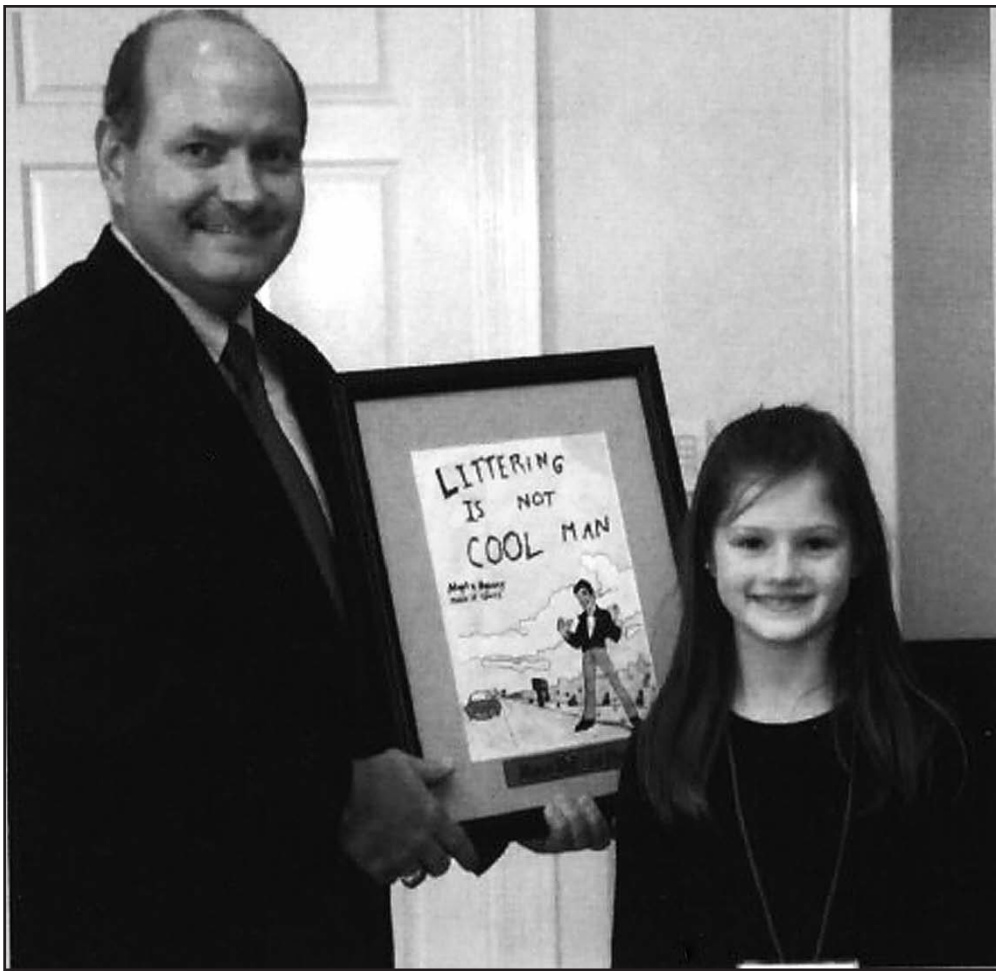


Photo submitted

Kevin Damron, executive director of project development in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, presents Strode Station Elementary third-grader Megan Huff, right, with a framed copy of her first-place poster, which is inscribed with her name. Damron presented all the winners with framed copies of their posters at an awards luncheon in Bardstown. Megan also received a \$100 savings bond.

ners in age groups 12-14 and 15-17 will be offered a graphic design workshop at the cabinet's graphic design office, Thacker said. The 2011 contest was the first to offer that prize.

Thacker said the winner who attended the workshop last year sat down with the people who create the calendar, and she helped them lay

it out.

Thacker said the design workshop offers winners a change to experience the print shop, work with design equipment and see how design operations work.

Awards will be presented to this year's winners at a luncheon.

Contest entries must be postmarked by Sept. 30 and

mailed to Adopt-a-Highway Program, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, KY 40622.

For more information about the contest, visit transportation.ky.gov.

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revenues will increase as a result. But political leaders don't believe the growth will occur fast enough to head off the spending cuts.

"Our revenue streams are starting to stabilize," Rand said. "We're not getting the see-saw effect, the up-and-down effect from month to month and quarter to quarter like we were."

Beshear has steadfastly refused to consider tax increases to bolster revenue, saying that could further damage the state's still fragile economy. Rand said Sunday that tax hikes would likely not pass the Legislature even if they were proposed.

"I just don't think we've laid the groundwork for those things right now," he said. "It takes a long time to build that support within our caucus and within the General Assembly."

The governor had called for some \$21 million in additional spending to reduce social worker caseloads, expand preschool programs and drug treatment and prevention programs. Rand called it "a good probability" that lawmakers will keep that in the budget.

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Clark Middle and Conkwright Middle Schools



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Students absent on that date and **all non-public school 5th grade students** may make up the test at either Conkwright Middle on Wednesday, February 29th 3:00-4:30 PM or at Clark Middle School on Thursday, March 1st 3:00-4:30 PM. Students may take the test at either location.

Additional information may be obtained by calling or emailing the Conkwright Middle School Principal, Patrice Thompson, at 744-8433 (Patrice.thompson@clark.kyschools.us) and/or the Clark Middle School Principal, Pam Whitesides at 744-0427 (Pam.Whitesides@clark.kyschools.us).

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Bills seek to protect Kentucky families

FRANKFORT — After a slow start, a number of bills introduced to protect Kentucky families from runaway government spending, substance abuse related crimes and to restrain government spending began moving through the Kentucky Legislature this week.



State Rep. Donna Mayfield

House Bill 413 was introduced by House GOP Caucus Chairman Dr. Bob DeWeese of Louisville, providing for an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution to suspend legislative compensation in the event the Legislature does not fulfill its constitutional responsibility to adopt a balanced budget. Introducing the bill, Dr. DeWeese said he has become increasingly frustrated when the Legislature consistently walks away from its constitutional responsibility to pass a balanced budget.

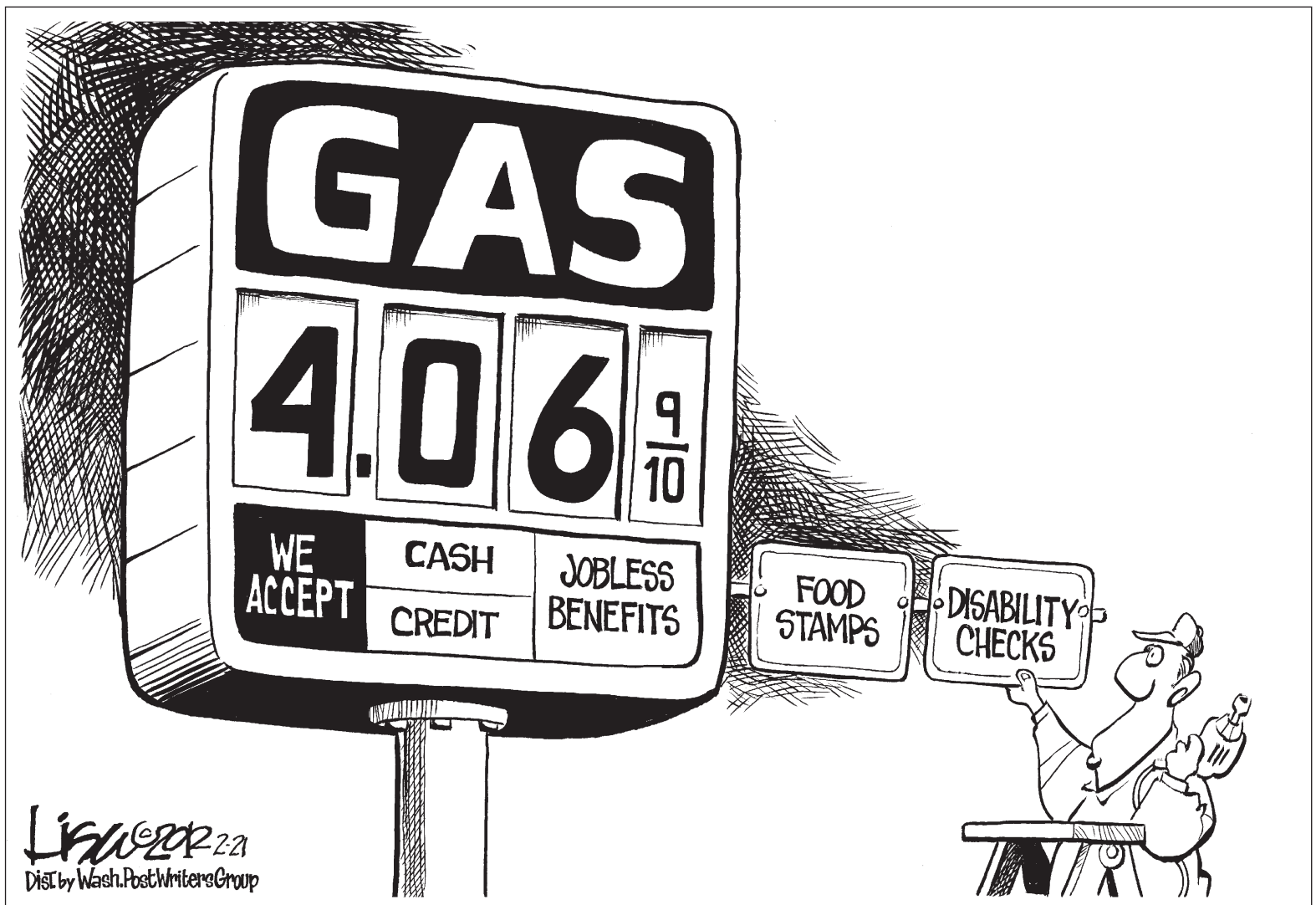
He said as a parent and grandparent he has always said there need to be consequences for bad behavior, and withholding compensation for members in a “Special Session” to balance the budget appears to be an effective way of getting the members to put their priorities in order.

House GOP Whip Danny Ford introduced House Bill 418, which would require the county attorney to post a statement on the deed of any property utilized in the manufacturing of methamphetamine. The statement could be removed from the deed once certification of a clean-up of the house or structure has been completed. Rep. Ford frequently reminds members the meth crisis touches every corner of this commonwealth, and it is appropriate for the Legislature to take steps to protect unsuspecting purchasers from the potential negative effects of purchasing contaminated property.

Finally, House Bill 377, introduced by Rep. Addia Wuchner of Florence, saw committee passage of legislation to prohibit the unauthorized substitution for an FDA approved opioid-based drug such as OxyContin, Vicodin and OxyCodone. Under the provisions of Rep. Wuchner's bill, tamper resistant formulations make it much more difficult to crush, melt or otherwise alter the medication into a form that is more easily used for illegal purposes. According to published media reports, Kentucky currently ranks number six in the nation for deaths related to overuse of pain killers.

As many citizens have expressed their views on the issue of expanded gaming, the Kentucky State Senate ended the debate on the issue for the 2012 session, defeating Senate Bill 151 by a vote of 21-16. It would have taken 23 votes in the affirmative to send the bill to the House for consideration.

I welcome your comments and concerns for the upcoming session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. A taped message containing information on legislative committee meeting schedules is available by calling 1-800-633-9650, and information on the status of each bill is available by calling 1-866-840-2835. If you have Internet access, I can be reached at donna.mayfield@lrc.ky.gov, or you may keep track of legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov.



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Is church-school separation taken too far?

Few church-state battles in American history have had as many byzantine twists and turns as Bronx Household of Faith v. Board of Education of the City of New York.

For 17 long years, Bronx Household of Faith — a small evangelical church that meets in a New York City public school on Sundays — has fought to overturn New York City's policy barring worship services in public schools. Throughout the legal battle, courts have allowed churches to continue meeting in schools.

After a roller-coaster ride of wins and losses for both sides, the end appeared near last June after the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the school district's policy. According to the appeals court, New York City's policy is constitutionally permissible — but not constitutionally required.

When the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the lower court decision in December, the case was finally over — or was it?

Undaunted by defeat, Bronx Household went back to court this month with a different argument. Having lost on free-speech grounds (the church argued that the district's policy was viewpoint discrimination), Bronx Household now charges that the school board violates religious freedom because “it disqualifies the Church from using the schools because it engages in worship.”

Last week, on Feb. 16, federal district Judge



Charles Haynes

Loretta Preska breathed new life into the case when she ruled that the church's religious-freedom argument was likely to prevail. The judge issued a 10-day temporary restraining order preventing the district from excluding worship services from schools.

But the very next day, the appeals court “clarified” the restraining order, ruling that it applied only to Bronx Household. As a result, the 50 other city churches using schools for services will have to find other places to worship — at least until Bronx Household wins another round.

Both sides are determined to fight on.

New York City school officials are convinced that allowing weekly worship services in public schools endorses religion in violation of the establishment clause of the First Amendment. Young children, they argue, might misconstrue the use of schools by churches as favoring one religion over others.

Church leaders counter that they use the buildings for services only when students aren't around. Moreover, if other community groups are allowed to rent the space in non-school hours, then religious groups seeking worship space should receive equal treatment.

In sorting through what's at stake in this case, keep in mind that the Supreme Court has already ruled that when a public school allows community groups to use its facilities, it may not exclude a group with a religious viewpoint. For example, if the Kiwanis Club is given space, then the Good News Club must also be given space — even if the Good News Club meetings include prayers, singing of hymns and other elements of devotion or worship. But the city Board of Education wants to

make a distinction between religious expression and worship (allowed under Supreme Court rulings) and worship services (not allowed under the school district's policy).

This distinction raises difficult questions. When exactly does a meeting with elements of worship become a “worship service”? Are religious groups that gather in silence or practice meditation in or out? Requiring school officials to draw these lines about the meaning and scope of “worship” could be a recipe for church-state entanglement in violation of the establishment clause. These issues may soon be resolved — not by the courts, but by the New York State Legislature.

Earlier this month, the state Senate acted to trump the city's policy by passing legislation requiring the school district to give churches the same access to school facilities as other groups. If the legislation passes the Assembly, then the court battle would finally be over.

Deep emotions animate both sides. But taking a step back from the fray, it's hard for me to see how permitting religious groups to use public schools for worship services in non-school hours rises to the level of state establishment or endorsement of religion.

Separating church from state is essential for religious freedom. But when taken too far, “separation” sends a message of government hostility toward religion.

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Divide et impera: Another high-budget production

It should be coming soon to a campaign stop near you. Watch for it: Still another high-budget, low-content production by the same masterful hand that gave you shows like “Stimulus” and “Solyn-dra.” This administration just keeps churning them out.

All these blockbusters get rave reviews from uncritical critics like the Democratic National Committee. Consider “FY2013,” the mix of fantasy and fun-with-numbers known formally as this year's federal budget.

It's a positively Roman extravaganza. The VIPs in the choice seats at the Colosseum hail Caesar. “Encore! Encore!” they shout. “Four more years!”

“More, more!” say the Paul Krugmans of economic theory. “Keep spending!” This economy will yet get up to speed if only Washington would spend even more. These experts look on events in Greece, that economic basket case, not as an example to beware but one to emulate.

The rest of us may be tempted to just sigh and go on. We've seen this show before. It's as old as Rome.

As for any sign of genuine reform in our president's latest budget, it's gone with the Bowles-Simpson commission. The president's last real connection with that commission was to appoint it. By now it's just stage scenery, one more of his many foils. For this president doesn't address issues so much as use them. And his budget isn't so much a budget as a campaign



Paul Greenberg

document. He's laid it out like a 2,000-page bear trap.

Behind all the fanciful figures in this budget, there is a simple strategy, also dating back to Roman times. Divide et impera. It's a battle plan as old as Cannae: Divide and conquer. In political terms, it means setting poor against rich. Then settle back and watch those votes come rolling in election night. Happy days will be here again. As for what happens the morning after, any disappointments can be blamed on George W. Bush.

Here's the plan. It's simplicity itself: Raise taxes on the highest incomes, on capital gains, on dividends, on every investment in sight, on all that wealth just lying around waiting to be divvied up by a president who knows how to spend our money so much better than we do. It's about time the 1 percent did their fair share and the 99 percent got it.

So let's get busy killing that golden goose. The sooner we do, the sooner we'll all have eggs. And if not, we'll just borrow some — without ever having to pay back the loan. Just keep raising the debt limit.

Unfortunately, there is only so much blood that can be squeezed out of even the biggest turnip. At last report (2009) the top 1 percent paid 36.7 percent of federal income taxes, though they earned only 16.9 percent of American income. And the bottom 50 percent paid just 2.3 percent of income taxes. It's only fair, right?

In the name of the same spurious fairness, this president would pit the poor against the rich. But in practice there just aren't enough rich to go around, more's the pity. So he'll have to keep changing his definition of rich to include more and more of the middle class.

Which is what has happened with the ATM, the Alternative Minimum Tax that was going to soak the rich but wound up soaking the middle class, as even Barack Obama now recognizes.

But the president dreams on. This is the budget that, unlike his first three, is actually going to lower deficits and reduce the national debt. Someday. Over the rainbow by and by. When the oceans retreat and the planet heals, to cite another of Barack Obama's forgotten campaign promises.

Canute has commanded, but the waves keep splashing ashore. Budget proposals are one thing, the laws of economics another. And the real economy refuses to fit into his grand scheme. Or even his fictive budget.

But the president is undeterred. He keeps getting up on his steed, striking a heroic pose, and riding off in all directions. Result: The economy is denied what it may need most from government when it comes to economic policy: predictability.

Will the Bush tax cuts expire at the end of the year or be renewed? Will taxes go up or down or sideways or no place at all? Will government revenues increase, decrease, neither or both? Who knows?

The only thing clear is that this budget won't have much effect, even in the unlikely event it is adopted by a divided, directionless Congress. Welcome to the wonderful world of Washington, where reality is considered negotiable and fantasy takes the form of a budget nobody who's seen this show before can take seriously.

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Community Calendar

TODAY

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up with support for family members, as well as Celebration Station for kids and The Landing for teens. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are every Tuesday.

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

— Community Education belly dance class, 6:15-7:30 p.m., \$6/class, College Park Library.

— TLC meeting, 1 p.m., D.J.'s.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

— Girl Scouts 100 year anniversary celebration, Clark County Courthouse, 5 p.m., sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 492.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

— Clark County Writers Group meeting, 6-8 p.m., Clark County Public Library, 370 S. Burns Ave. The public is invited.

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MONDAY, MARCH 19

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20

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THE BOOKWORM SEZ

Cast away

Book details adventures of a dog that went AWOL

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

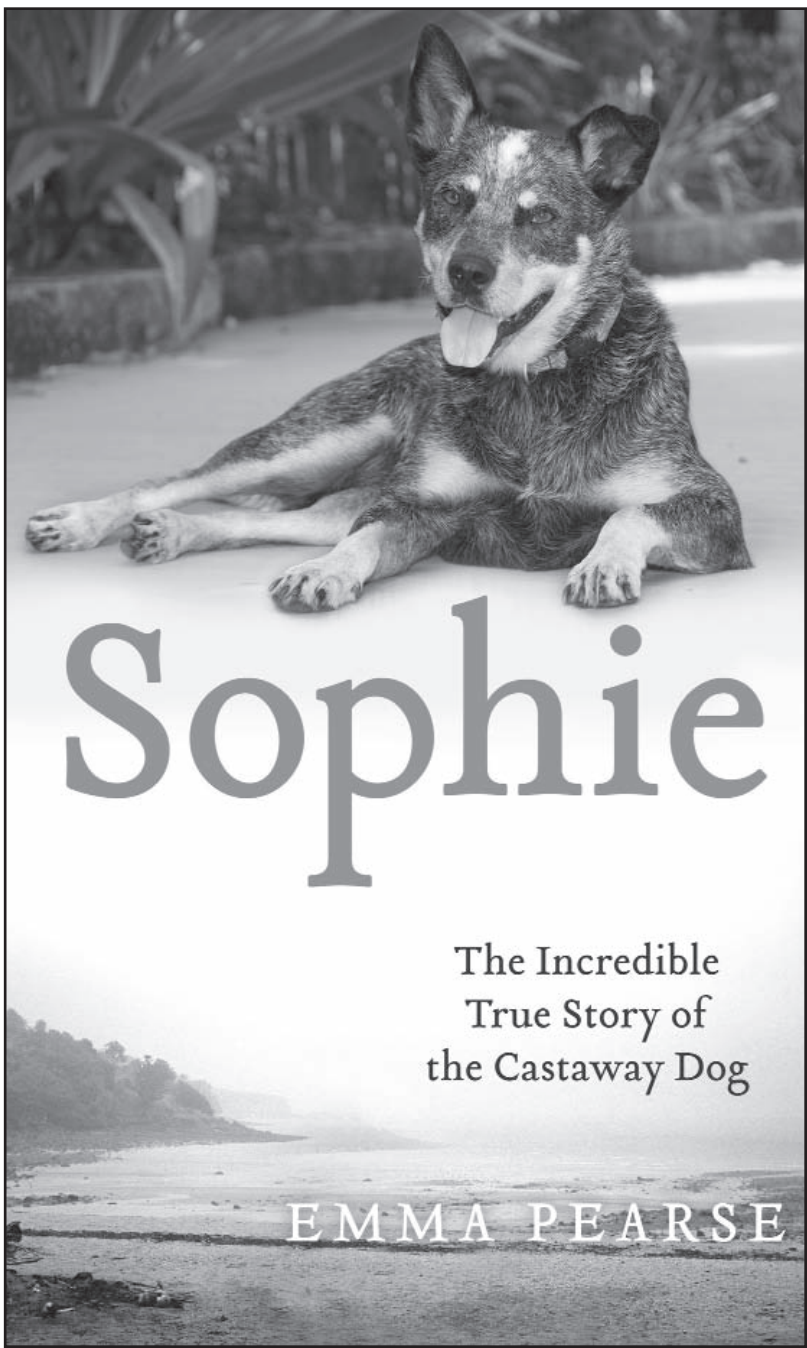
Once upon a time, you had living room furniture that wasn't covered in fur.

It wasn't scuffed by paw prints or mashed down from repeated turn-before-laying-down rotations. Before your couch pup-tato claimed that couch, the cushions were firm, not flat, and were acceptable for guests. Still, can you blame Poochie for taking over your sofa? You'd hate having to lie around on the floor all day too.

So how surprised would you be if Fido pulled a Phelps by performing a swimming feat that still astounds experts? Read about a dog that did, in the new book "Sophie: The Incredible True Story of the Castaway Dog" by Emma Pearse. Perhaps more than anything in the world, 16-year-old Bridget Griffith wanted a dog of her own.

During her breaks at work, she'd been eyeing a litter of cattle dog puppies in the window of a shop near her Mackay, Australia, home. It was hard not to fall in love with them, so when Bridget brought her mother around to see the pups, the teen knew Mum couldn't possibly say no. And so it was that Sophie went home with them that day.

From almost the beginning, Sophie proved herself to be a clever, affectionate dog. She loved being carried, cuddled, and cooed over, spending hours on Bridget's lap. When the teen went off to university a few months after Sophie's ar-



rival, the dog transferred her adoration to Bridget's parents, who doted on the pooch.

Given the love that Jan and Dave Griffith lavished on the smallest member of the family, it was natural that they would take her everywhere. Sophie loved car rides and walks, and since she was definitely a "water dog," the Griffiths took her on their boat

as they cruised around the small islands just off the Australian coast. But in late October 2008, what should've been a fun excursion turned horrible when Sophie fell overboard.

Dave Griffith didn't notice that Sophie was gone for a critical few minutes. He hollered to Jan, who scanned the horizon as, heartbroken, they cruised the area in search

of their pup.

But Sophie was gone.

Several days later, residents of the Whitsunday Islands reported seeing a dog in spots where, because of environmental concerns, dogs weren't allowed.

Though no one could get close enough to it, the animal appeared to be a cattle dog.

What would you do if your dog went missing? In author Emma Pearse's hands, there's a happy ending to this miraculous lost-dog tale — although I had some issues. Through anecdotes, we're made abundantly aware that Sophie was an immeasurably important part of the Griffith family — and that becomes quite repetitive.

There are also a few Aussie colloquialisms that don't immediately translate well ("nurse" has very different meaning Down Under). I'm pretty sure, though, that most dog lovers won't be bothered much by either of these things — so if that's you, why not just grab "Sophie," shove your couch pup-tato over, and settle in for a decent read? It is, after all, your sofa, too.

"Sophie: The Incredible True Story of the Castaway Dog"

By Emma Pearse

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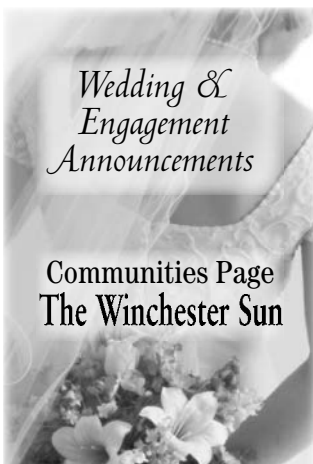
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Operation Bootstrap went over the top and members of the Winchester-Clark County Industrial Authority celebrated the occasion Thursday with a cake. Figures tallied at Thursday's report meeting indicated total pledges of \$102,150 to Operation Bootstrap, the authority's endeavor to raise \$100,000.

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Sun-Times is

launching a national search to replace advice columnist Ann Landers, who next month moves to the rival Chicago Tribune, after 31 years based at the Sun-Times.

Sandra Bush was guest speaker at the Feb. 17 meeting of the Winchester Lioness Club held at Holiday Inn. Mrs. Bush spoke on "Gaining Control of Your Home."



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Program teaching bluegrass to children

OWENSBORO (AP) — A new program is teaching children about bluegrass music.

Not only are the children learning to play instruments, they are also learning about a man who was a major influence in how the music sounds.

The International Bluegrass Music Museum in Owensboro said it has joined forces with the Neblett Center on the Arnold Shultz String Music Project, the Messenger-Inquirer reported. The initiative begins March 1 and is aimed at teaching youths ages 7-10 how to play guitar, fiddle and mandolin. It will also highlight the life of Shultz, a black Ohio County musician who is sometimes called the "godfather of bluegrass" because of his influence on Bill Monroe.

"This is one of the most exciting things I've ever done," Gabrielle Gray, the museum's executive director, said at a news conference announcing the project. "Since I came here in 2002, I've been wanting to integrate the community more."

Neblett Center executive director Greg Black said the hope is to create a children's bluegrass band that could play at the museum's annual ROMP: Bluegrass Roots & Branches Festival in June.

Museum market director Danny Clark said he would also offer banjo lessons if any children are interested.

"There's nothing I love more than teaching children to play bluegrass," Clark said.

Gray said this would be the first tribute the bluegrass community has paid to Shultz.

"There's more to the African-American influence on bluegrass than the banjo," she said.

Shultz was born in 1886 and has been credited with putting the blues in bluegrass. He worked in the coal mines by day but by night he played guitar or fiddle at roadhouses and barn dances.

In 1922, he joined a band headed by drummer Forrest "Boots" Faught and played for dances in Ohio and Muhlenberg counties.

"It was a four-piece outfit then and Arnold made five," Faught recalled in 1980. "He was the only colored man in the band. He was the first man I ever heard play lead on the guitar."

Faught said he got complaints about having a black fiddle player. "I told them, 'You don't hear color. You hear music.'"

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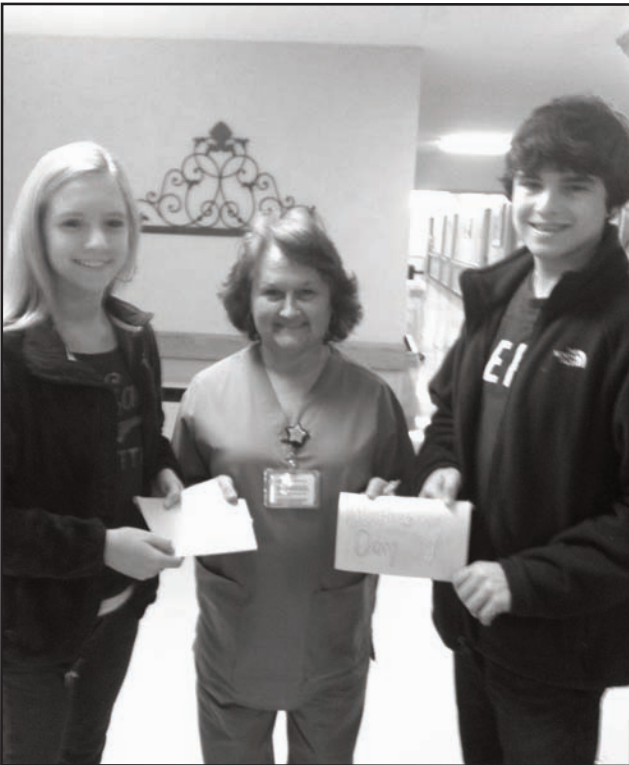


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Conkwright Middle School Y Club members Shelby Stocker, left, and Dustin Summers present Patrice Weaver of Fountain Circle Health and Rehabilitation with some of the 200 valentines club members made for residents at the center.

Health Dept. Family Fun nights

Mind & body

A column for a healthier you

By Carolyn Burtner

The Clark County Health Department and the Kentucky Department of Education are partnering to present Family Nights, for 40 young men and women and their parents/designees. The youth must be in grades 5-8 in any Clark County School.

The objectives of Family Nights are:

- to provide parents, families and youth health information to increase knowledge of HIV prevention, STD prevention, and teen preg-

nancy prevention

- to encourage families to become involved in development and/or implementation of related programs and policies
- to improve parent-child communication

The Family Night program for boys and dads/designees is Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m. at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive.

Supper will be provided. There will be a two hour session for Dads on information about HIV and STD and teen pregnancy prevention.

There will be three sessions for the boys on:

- Know Yourself: What are you doing and where are you going?; Strive for Success: Dreams, goals, risks, work ethic and discipline; and STD/HIV and Teen Pregnancy Prevention.

The boys will attend the

three classes on a rotating basis. Tom Collins, Associate Director, UK Rural Prevention Center, will present the parent program.

Presenters for the boys include Chris Turley of the Bluegrass Area Development District, GRC baseball coach Matt Ginter and Lloyd Jordison, RN, from the Madison County Health Department.

Goody bags with gift cards will be given to all as well as drawings for door prizes. There is a limit of 20 young men and 20 dads or designees.

Please make your reservations by calling the Clark County Health Department at 744-4482.

The Family Night program for girls and moms/designees is Monday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Clark County Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive. Supper will be provided by Gaunces.

There will be a two hour session for moms on information about HIV, STD and teen pregnancy prevention, presented by Teddy Slone, Child and Family Health Improvement Branch, Kentucky Department of Public Health.

Presenters for the girls include Lauren Mink, Winchester Police officer Christine Matthews and Kelly Wallace. They will offer rotating classes on healthy dating relationships, decision making—peer and media pressures, self-esteem/communications, HIV, STD and teen pregnancy prevention.

Goody bags with gift cards will also be given to girls and moms or designees, as well as door prizes. There is a limit of 20 girls and moms/designees, as well.

For reservations, call 744-4482.

Medicare footing the bill for more artificial feet

WASHINGTON (AP) — What's wrong with this picture? Medicare's bill for artificial feet rose nearly 60 percent in recent years, although foot and leg amputations due to diabetes saw a dramatic decline.

Medicare paid \$94 million for artificial feet in 2010, according to research conducted for The Associated Press.

That was nearly \$35 million more than in 2005, even though in 2010, Medicare covered about 1,900 fewer such prostheses.

Artificial feet represent a tiny slice of the \$550 billion program that covers health care for 49 million older and disabled people.

But the spending spike highlights basic questions about affordability, technology and appropriate care that confront Medicare as lawmakers look for a way out of its broader financial troubles.

Industry says there's nothing wrong. Patients are benefiting from new technology in artificial limbs used for wounded troops returning from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Others dispute that saying

there's no body of scientific evidence to back it up.

A doctor who works with amputees questioned whether a high-tech foot designed for an active person is appropriate for an elderly patient with diabetes, a major cause of lower-limb amputations.

Losing a foot means the patient is at an advanced stage of the disease and probably dealing with other problems that limit physical activity.

A report last year by the Health and Human Services inspector general found widespread questionable billing for lower-limb prostheses, a category that includes artificial feet.

In 2009, Medicare inappropriately paid \$43 million for lower-limb prostheses that did not meet certain basic standards for accurate claims, investigators said.

They found an additional \$61 million in questionable billing in cases where it wasn't clear that the Medicare beneficiary had seen the referring doctor in the previous five years, raising questions about whether the prosthesis was medically necessary.

Industry officials say they are committed to battling fraud and the AP's statistics simply show the march of progress.

"We have had a huge improvement in the quality of devices that we can provide, thanks to all the knowledge that has flowed from providing care to soldiers," said Thomas Fise, executive director of the American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association.

The AP's analysis was done by Avalere Health, a data-crunching firm serving private and government health care clients. It looked at Medicare spending on 13 codes for different types of artificial feet that the program covers. The analysis suggests the sharp rise in spending is mainly due to a shift in the types of prosthetics being given to Medicare beneficiaries.

Medicare has started covering a computer-controlled ankle/foot that costs \$15,000, about as much as a compact car. Some major

private insurers still consider it experimental and do not routinely cover it.

The AP's data analysis showed a nearly threefold increase in Medicare coverage for one model of foot prosthesis that features a shock absorber and costs about \$6,500.

Medicare "is aware of and shares the concerns this research raises about lower limb prosthetics," Medicare spokesman Brian Cook said in a statement. The agency has saved taxpayers \$867,000 in the past year by cracking down on fraud involving artificial limbs, Cook added.

Medicare officials acknowledge widespread deficiencies in documentation of medical necessity for all kinds of equipment, but they are concerned that tightening requirements could restrict access for seniors.

Meanwhile, the rate of diabetes-related foot and leg amputations continues to fall, due to better patient care.

Doctors increasingly advising adults to get out and exercise

ATLANTA (AP) — More and more U.S. adults are being told by their doctor to get out and exercise, according to government survey released Thursday.

Nearly 33 percent of adults who saw a doctor in the previous year said they were told to exercise.

That was up from about 23 percent in 2000, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

The report also found more women got that advice than men.

And among people with chronic health problems, diabetics, were the most likely to get the advice and cancer patients were least likely.

The most dramatic increases were reported in patients age 85 and older.

In 2000, about 15 percent were told by doctors to exercise.

By 2010, almost 30 percent got a recommendation.

"It's very encouraging that doctors feel people at that age still have time to live and can make their health better," said Pat Barnes, a CDC health statistician who was lead author of the report.

The report was based on surveys of nearly 22,000 adults in 2010 compared to surveys done in 200 and 2005.

The doctors' advice may be getting through to at least some people.

Other CDC data has found that about 51 percent of Americans said they exercise regularly in 2009, up from about 46 percent in 2001.

However, more than one third of U.S. adults are obese, a statistic that's held steady for nearly a decade.

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Cats clinch SEC title

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — A'Dia Mathies and Bernisha Pinkett scored 13 points each to lead No. 13 Kentucky to a 76-40 victory Sunday over Mississippi State and clinch the Wildcats' first regular season Southeastern Conference title in 30 years.

It was a school-record 13th conference win for the Wildcats, despite losing three in a row earlier this month.

"It's been a long, long process and journey for them," Kentucky coach Matthew Mitchell said. "Starting 10-0, you feel like you're doing good things, and then comes the 3-game losing streak. Battling through that, it's made the end of the season sweeter."

Kentucky (24-5, 13-3 SEC) opened the game on a 19-7 run and led 41-17 at the half. The Wildcats shot 40.3 percent (27-of-67) from the floor and hit 15-of-22 free throws.

Pinkett was 5 of 7 from the field with two 3-pointers, and Samarie Walker added 9 points and 10 rebounds for the Wildcats.

Mathies was 5 of 12 from the field and had 4 steals to lead the UK defense.

Kentucky will return home and celebrate its first title since 1982 later Sunday night on campus.

MSU (14-15, 4-12) shot 26.4 percent (14 of 53) from the field in the loss and turned the ball over a season-high 33 times.

"They play baseline to baseline on offense and defense," MSU coach Sharron Fanning-Otis said. "I think what happened to them over the last few weeks was a wakeup call for what you have to do to compete."

UK forces an average of 28.4 turnovers per game and leads the NCAA in turnover margin.

"You've just got to be mentally tough, and focused, and know that you've got each other's back," Mathies said. "The pressure that we bring to people is, I think, something that they can't experience anywhere else."

Kendra Grant led MSU with 9 points.

The Bulldogs finished the season on a four-game losing streak. The loss also marked retiring Fanning-Otis's last regular season game.

Fanning-Otis won 218 games and took MSU to 11 postseason berths (6 NCAA, 5 NIT) in her 17 seasons in Starkville and will retire after the SEC Tournament.

Finals
Warriors (34) — Clark 16, Jansen Thomas 8, Tyler Bowling 5, Austia Crim 2, Nitavious Thomas 2, Brendan Bosley 1.

Knicks (22) — Chaise Elliott 8, Don Wells 6, Brian Durham 2, Dakota Calvert 2, Justin Asbury 2, Evan Rogers 2.

Semifinals
Magic (31) — Austin Williams 23,

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Field set for 10th Region Tournament

The George Rogers Clark boys basketball team will open defense of its region title at 6 p.m. Friday against Augusta in the opening round of the 10th Region Tournament at the MCHS Arena in Mount Sterling.

Clark (27-5) defeated Montgomery County 55-38 in the finals of the 40th District Tournament.

Augusta just missed pulling off an upset in the finals of the 39th District Thursday night, dropping a 72-

71 setback to Mason County.

The Lady Cardinals open the 10th Region Tournament Monday at 7:30 p.m. against host Campbell County.

The two teams split during the regular-season, with Clark posting a 52-40 win in the Bourbon County Classic, but the Lady Camels came back and defeated Clark 49-45 in overtime on Feb. 4 at Campbell County.

The Lady Cardinals (18-11) lost to

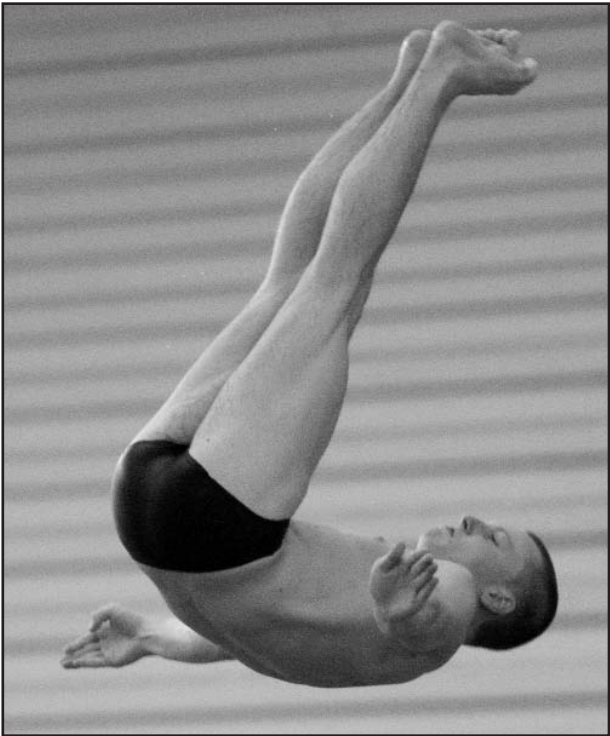
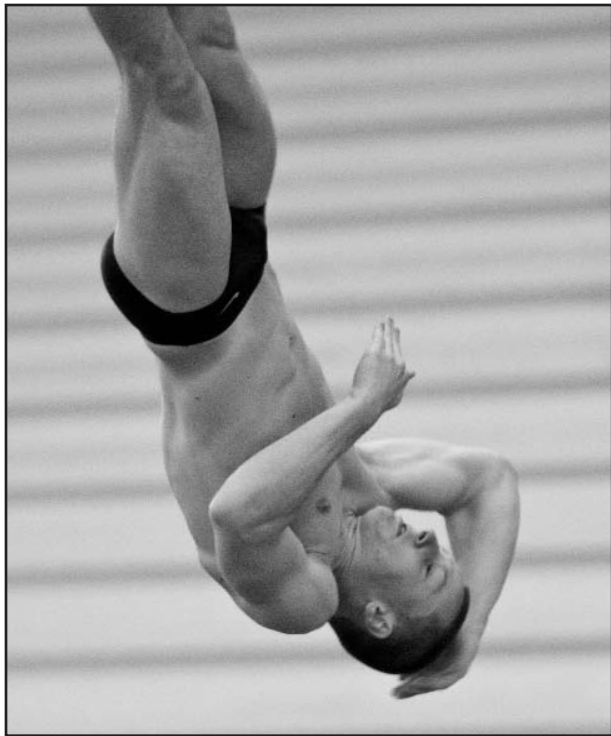
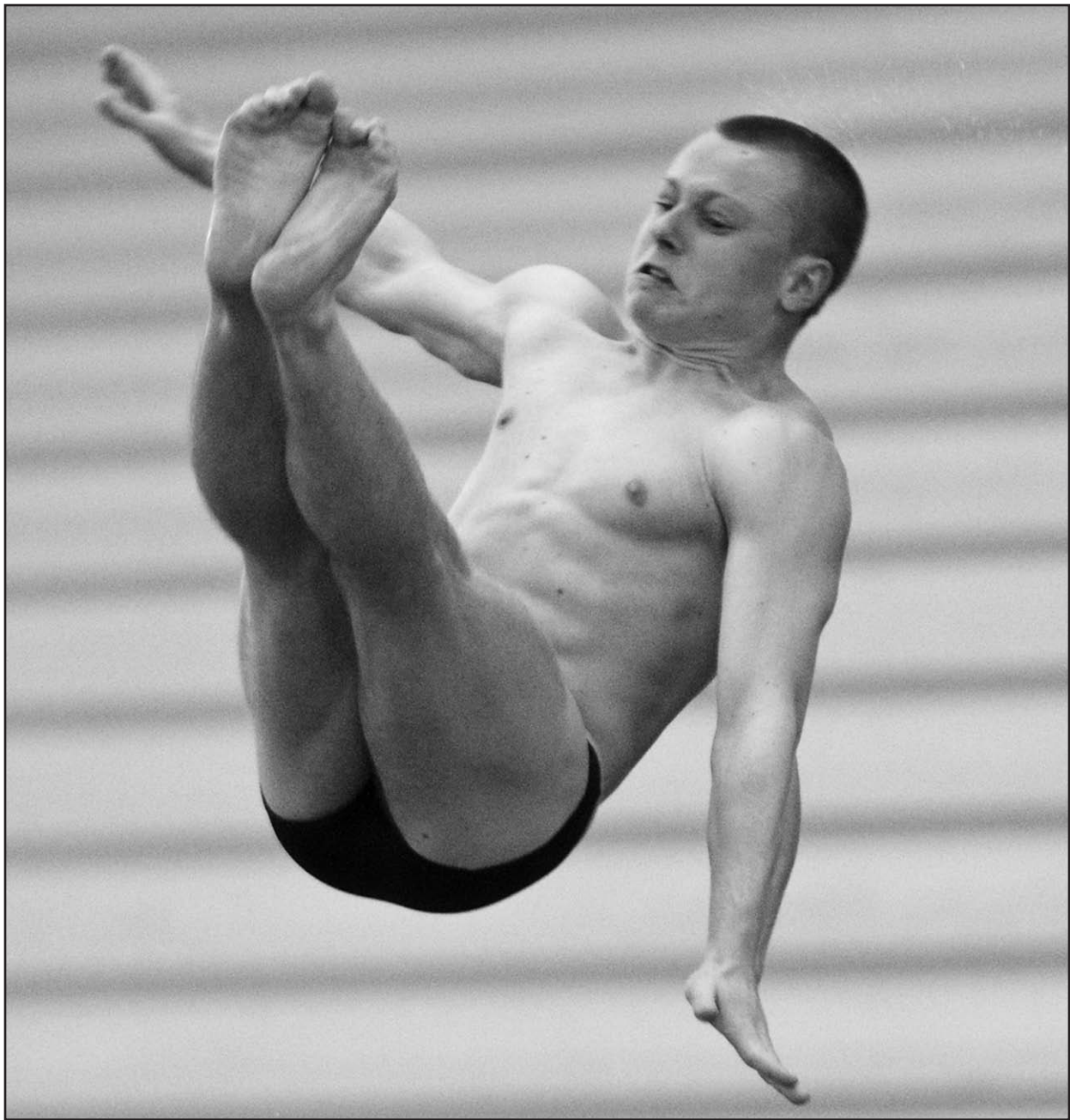
Montgomery County 49-41 in the finals of the 40th District Tournament.

Boys 10th Region Tournament
Thursday's games
6 p.m., Pendleton Co. (18-13) vs. Mont. Co. (22-10)
7:30 p.m., Mason Co. (16-13) vs. Scott High (15-14)
Friday's games
6 p.m., G. Rogers Clark (27-5) vs. Augusta (19-12)
7:30 p.m., Campbell Co. (18-12) vs. Deming (12-20)
Saturday's games
5 p.m., Pendleton County-Montgomery County winner vs. Mason County-Scott winner
8:30 p.m., Clark-Augusta winner vs. Campbell County-Deming winner
March 6

7 p.m., finals

Girls 10th Region Tournament
Monday's games
6 p.m., Deming (9-19) vs. Mason County (8-22)
7:30 p.m., George Rogers Clark (18-11) vs. Campbell County (22-10)
Tuesday's games
6 p.m., Mont. Co. (25-6) vs. Bishop Brossart (25-7)
7:30 p.m., Bracken (17-10) vs. Harrison Co. (10-21)
Wednesday's game
6 p.m. Deming-Mason winner vs. Clark-Campbell winner
7:30 p.m., Montgomery-Brossart winner vs. Bracken-Harrison winner
Sunday (March 4)
3 p.m., finals.

Champion diver



George Rogers Clark senior diver Colby Coleman finished third in the state diving competition Saturday at the University of Louisville. Coleman's score of 485.70 followed second-place finisher Logan Stevens of Scott High (502.00) and winner Justin Youtsey of Beechwood. Youtsey finished with a score of 510.25.

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Miller's strong finish a boost

By Keith Taylor
The Winchester Sun

LEXINGTON — Darius Miller knows his time is short.

Miller, one game away from making his final appearance at Rupp Arena, wanted to "finish strong," against Vanderbilt Saturday afternoon. Miller rebounded from a poor start and scored nine points to help lead the top-ranked Wildcats to an 83-74 victory over the Commodores, who made a serious run at ending the team's 51-game home winning streak.

Miller and the Cats trailed 37-36 at the half, but again, Kentucky's will to win took over during the final 20 minutes and propelled the team to its 20th consecutive victory despite a fight from the Commodores.

"We don't want to lose a game," he said. "We never at any point feel like we're going to lose a game and think that's what helps us be so calm (down the stretch) and get good looks at the end of the game."

In the first half, Miller missed all five of his attempts from the field, including three shots from long range. It wasn't until the second half when Miller caught fire, which came at the right time for the Wildcats.

Despite his scoreless effort in the first half, Miller drained a pair of field goals and connected on a 3-pointer during a game-clinching 11-2 scoring spree midway through the second half, turning a one-point lead into a 66-56 advantage with seven minutes remaining.

Miller made all four of his shots from the field in the final 20 minutes and the effort by the senior inspired Kentucky's successful finish and clinched the school's

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Warriors capture Civitan hoops title

Tydarius Clark scored 16 points to lead the Warriors to a 34-22 win over the Knicks in the Civitan finals Saturday at College Park Gym.

In the semifinals, the Magic defeated the Celtics 31-28 and the Sonics beat the Pacers 33-17 in the consolation game.

Hunter Cracraft 4, Jacob Smith 3, Evan Lucas 1.

Celtics (28) — Joe Willoughby 11, Kyndell Curry 6, Ricky Caudill 5, Austin Clark 3, Caleb Tackett 2, Lucius Velaqueza 1.

Consolation Sonics (33) — Jacob Congleton 12, Gary Stamper 6, Trevon Jones 5, Liam Richardson 4, Kyle Osborne 2, Armond Laruenque 2, Dylan Fields 2.

Pacers (17) — Blake Hardiman 10, Dakota Martin 2, Aaron Wright 2, Tanner Stoneking 1, Devin Wills 1, Tony Gwynn 1.

First round
Magic (36) — Williams 17, Jacob Smith 8, Stephen Smith 5, Eric Lucas 4, Evan Lucas 2.

Sonics (20) — Osborne 9, Fields 3,

Mason Baber 3, Congelton 3.

Knicks (36) — Allitt 11, Isaiah Noland 7, Durham 4, Asbury 4, Calvert 2, Ethan Thomas 2, Evan Rogers 2, Zachary Schoolmaster 2.

Pacers (19) — Hardiman 12, Hagin Wright 2, Gwynn 2, Martin 2, Branden Gilbert 1.

Second round
Warriors (39) — Clark 18, Thomas 9, Ayna Butler 4, Bowling 2, Steven Flickinger 2, Payton Combs 2, Darius Beatty 2.

Magic (33) — Williams 21, Keith Epperson 4, Hunter Durham 3, Connor Robinson 2, Jacob Smith 2, Samuel Smith 1.

Knicks (38) — Noland 14, Wells 7,

William Collins 6, Thomas 5, Schoolmaster 4, Elliott 2.

Celtics (28) — Willoughby 13, Andy Stockley 6, Caudill 2, Caleb Tackett 2, Jacob Burchwell 2, T.J. Jones 1.

Chris Tyree awards: Hardiman (Pacers), Congleton (Sonics), Collins (Knicks), Breanna Epperson (Magic), Lucius Velaqueza (Celtics) and Jansen Thomas (Warriors).

Roy Ware award: Clark, student and Eric Hudson and Garland Brookshire, adult.

Cheerleading 110 percent awards: Kelsey Grissam (Knicks), Willow Crum (Warriors), Caitlin Saylor (Magic) and Emilia Sutton (Sonics).

Julie Fox Tippins award: Chevi Price (Warriors) and Christy Combs (adult).



Sun photo by Bill Thiry
Tydarius Clark of the Warriors goes up for a shot in the Civitan finals Saturday at College Park Gym.
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Scoreboard

Prep Basketball

Saturday's Scores
BOYS BASKETBALL
Championship
14th District
Bowling Green 70, Warren Central 60
17th District
John Hardin 73, North Hardin 69
19th District
Bardstown 53, Bethlehem 41
20th District
Marion Co. 67, Taylor Co. 51
31st District
Owen Co. 67, Gallatin Co. 58
36th District
Newport Central Catholic 49, Highlands 44
53rd District
Knott Co. Central 60, Letcher County Central 56
57th District
Sheldon Clark 65, Johnson Central 51

College Basketball

Sunday's College Basketball
EAST
Iona 98, St. Peter's 61
Loyola (Md.) 62, Manhattan 60
Marist 89, Niagara 77
New Hampshire 58, Binghamton 49
Rider 65, Fairfield 62
Siena 86, Canisius 75
Stony Brook 55, Maine 48
SOUTH
Louisville 57, Pittsburgh 54
Miami 78, Florida St. 62
South Florida 46, Cincinnati 45
MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 74, N. Illinois 64
Illinois 65, Iowa 54
Indiana 69, Minnesota 50
Wisconsin 63, Ohio St. 60
FAR WEST
Colorado 70, California 57
Denver 64, North Texas 52
Oregon 74, Oregon St. 73

SEC Standings

Conference			All			Games		
W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT			

On the Air

Today
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN — Notre Dame at Georgetown
9 p.m.
ESPN — Kansas at Oklahoma St.
NHL
7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — Baylor at Texas A&M
9 p.m.
ESPN2 — Notre Dame at UConn

Local Sports

Today
GIRLS BASKETBALL
10th Region Tournament
at Campbell County Middle School
6 p.m.
Deming vs. Mason County
7:30 p.m.
George Rogers Clark vs. Campbell County

Tuesday

GIRLS BASKETBALL
10th Region Tournament
at Campbell County Middle School
6 p.m.
Montgomery County vs. Bishop Brossart
7:30 p.m.
Bracken County vs. Harrison County

Kentucky	14	0	1.000	28	1	.966
Florida	10	4	.714	22	7	.759
Vanderbilt	9	5	.643	20	9	.690
Alabama	8	6	.571	19	9	.679
Tennessee	8	6	.571	16	13	.552
LSU	7	7	.500	17	11	.607
Mississippi St.	6	8	.429	19	10	.655
Arkansas	6	8	.429	18	11	.621
Mississippi	6	8	.429	16	12	.571
Auburn	4	10	.286	14	14	.500
Georgia	4	10	.286	13	15	.464
South Carolina	2	12	.143	10	18	.357

Saturday's Games
Kentucky 83, Vanderbilt 74
Mississippi 72, LSU 48
Arkansas 77, Auburn 71
Georgia 76, Florida 62
Alabama 67, Mississippi St. 50
Tennessee 73, South Carolina 64

Big East Standings

	Conference			All			Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT			
Syracuse	16	1	.941	29	1	.967			
Marquette	13	3	.813	24	5	.828			
Notre Dame	12	4	.750	20	9	.690			
Georgetown	11	5	.688	21	6	.778			
South Florida	11	5	.688	18	11	.621			
Louisville	10	6	.625	22	7	.759			
Cincinnati	10	6	.625	20	9	.690			
Seton Hall	8	9	.471	19	10	.655			
UConn	7	9	.438	17	11	.607			
West Virginia	7	9	.438	17	12	.586			
St. John's	6	10	.375	13	16	.448			
Rutgers	5	11	.313	13	16	.448			
Pittsburgh	4	12	.250	15	14	.517			
Villanova	4	12	.250	11	17	.393			
Providence	3	13	.188	14	15	.483			
DePaul	2	14	.125	11	17	.393			

Saturday's Games
St. John's 61, Notre Dame 58
Providence 73, DePaul 71
Georgetown 67, Villanova 46
Rutgers 77, Seton Hall 72, OT
Syracuse 71, UConn 69
Sunday's Games
South Florida 46, Cincinnati 45
Louisville 57, Pittsburgh 54
Monday's Games
Notre Dame at Georgetown, 7 p.m.

OVC Standings

	Conference			All			Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT			
Murray St.	15	1	.938	28	1	.966			
Tennessee St.	11	5	.688	19	11	.633			
Morehead St.	10	6	.625	17	14	.548			
Tennessee Tech	9	7	.563	18	12	.600			
SE Missouri	9	7	.563	14	15	.483			
Jacksonville St.	8	8	.500	14	17	.452			
Austin Peay	8	8	.500	12	19	.387			
E. Kentucky	7	9	.438	16	15	.516			
SIUE	6	10	.375	9	17	.346			
E. Illinois	5	11	.313	12	17	.414			
UT-Martin	0	16	.000	4	27	.129			

Saturday's Games
E. Kentucky 86, E. Illinois 74
Morehead St. 76, SIUE-Edwardsville 61
Austin Peay 68, SE Missouri 59
Murray St. 69, Tennessee Tech 64
Jacksonville St. 77, UT-Martin 46

OVC Tournament

At Municipal Auditorium
Nashville, Tenn.

First Round
Wednesday, Feb. 29
Southeast Missouri State vs. Eastern Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Austin Peay vs. Jacksonville State, 9 p.m.
Second Round
Thursday, March 1
Tennessee Tech vs. Southeast Missouri State-Eastern Kentucky winner, 7 p.m.
Morehead State vs. Austin Peay-Jacksonville State winner, 9 p.m.
Semifinals
Friday, March 2
Murray State vs. Tennessee Tech — Southeast Missouri State-Eastern Kentucky winner, 7 p.m.
Tennessee State vs. Morehead State — Austin Peay-Jacksonville State winner, 9 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, March 3
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Sun Belt Tournament

At Hot Springs, Ark.
First Round
Saturday, March 3
Summit Arena
South Alabama vs. Troy, 7 p.m.
Western Kentucky vs. FIU, 9:30 p.m.
Hot Springs Convention Center
FAU vs. Arkansas State, 7:15 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Sunday, March 4
Summit Arena
Middle Tennessee vs. FAU-Arkansas State winner, 7 p.m.
UALR vs. Western Kentucky-FIU winner, 9:30 p.m.
Hot Springs Convention Center
Louisiana-Lafayette vs. North Texas, 7:15 p.m.
Denver vs. South Alabama-Troy winner, 9:45 p.m.
At Summit Arena
Semifinals
Monday, March 5
Middle Tennessee-FAU-Arkansas State winner vs. Louisiana-Lafayette-North Texas winner, 7 p.m.
UALR-Western Kentucky-FIU winner vs. Denver-South Alabama-Troy winner, 9:30 p.m.
Championship
Tuesday, March 6
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

NBA

All-Star game results

2012 — West 152, East 149
2011 — West 148, East 143
2010 — East 141, West 139
2009 — West 146, East 119
2008 — East 134, West 128
2007 — West 153, East 132
2006 — East 122, West 120
2005 — East 125, West 115
2004 — West 136, East 132
2003 — West 155, East 145, 2OT

2002 — West 135, East 120
2001 — East 111, West 110
2000 — West 137, East 126
1999 — No game.
1998 — East 135, West 114
1997 — East 132, West 120
1996 — East 129, West 118
1995 — West 139, East 112
1994 — East 127, West 118
1993 — West 135, East 132, OT
1992 — West 153, East 113
1991 — East 116, West 114
1990 — East 130, West 113
1989 — West 143, East 134
1988 — East 138, West 133
1987 — West 154, East 149, OT
1986 — East 139, West 132
1985 — West 140, East 129
1984 — East 154, West 145, OT
1983 — East 132, West 123
1982 — East 120, West 118
1981 — East 123, West 120
1980 — East 144, West 136, OT
1979 — West 134, East 129
1978 — East 133, West 125
1977 — West 125, East 124
1976 — East 123, West 109
1975 — East 108, West 102
1974 — West 134, East 123
1973 — East 104, West 84
1972 — West 112, East 110
1971 — West 108, East 107
1970 — East 142, West 135
1969 — East 123, West 112
1968 — East 144, West 124
1967 — West 135, East 120
1966 — East 137, West 94
1965 — East 124, West 123
1964 — East 111, West 107
1963 — East 115, West 108
1962 — West 150, East 130
1961 — West 153, East 131
1960 — East 125, West 115
1959 — West 124, East 108
1958 — East 130, West 118
1957 — East 109, West 97
1956 — West 108, East 94
1955 — East 100, West 91
1954 — East 98, West 93, OT
1953 — West 79, East 75
1952 — East 108, West 91
1951 — East 111, West 94

All-Star game MVP's

2012 — Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City
2011 — Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers
2010 — Dwyane Wade, Miami
2009 — Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers
and Shaquille O'Neal, Phoenix
2008 — LeBron James, Cleveland
2007 — Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers
2006 — LeBron James, Cleveland

2005 — Allen Iverson, Philadelphia
2004 — Shaquille O'Neal, LA Lakers
2003 — Kevin Garnett, Minnesota
2002 — Kobe Bryant, LA Lakers
2001 — Allen Iverson, Philadelphia
2000 — Tim Duncan, San Antonio
and Shaquille O'Neal, LA Lakers
1999 — No game.
1998 — Michael Jordan, Chicago
1997 — Glen Rice, Charlotte
1996 — Michael Jordan, Chicago
1995 — Mitch Richmond, Sacramento
1994 — Scottie Pippen, Chicago
1993 — Karl Malone and John Stockton, Utah
1992 — Magic Johnson, LA Lakers
1991 — Charles Barkley, Philadelphia
1990 — Magic Johnson, LA Lakers
1989 — Karl Malone, Utah
1988 — Michael Jordan, Chicago
1987 — Tom Chambers, Seattle
1986 — Isiah Thomas, Detroit
1985 — Ralph Sampson, Houston
1984 — Isiah Thomas, Detroit
1983 — Julius Erving, Philadelphia
1982 — Larry Bird, Boston
1981 — Tiny Archibald, Boston
1980 — George Gervin, San Antonio
1979 — David Thompson, Denver
1978 — Randy Smith, Buffalo
1977 — Julius Erving, Philadelphia
1976 — Dave Bing, Detroit
1975 — Walt Frazier, New York
1974 — Bob Lanier, Detroit
1973 — Dave Cowens, Boston
1972 — Jerry West, Los Angeles
1971 — Lenny Wilkens, Seattle
1970 — Willis Reed, New York
1969 — Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati
1968 — Hal Greer, Philadelphia
1967 — Rick Barry, San Francisco
1966 — Adrian Smith, Cincinnati
1965 — Jerry Lucas, Cincinnati
1964 — Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati
1963 — Bill Russell, Boston
1962 — Bob Pettit, St. Louis
1961 — Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati
1960 — Wilt Chamberlain, Philadelphia
1959 — Elgin Baylor, Minneapolis
and Bob Pettit, St. Louis
1958 — Bob Pettit, St. Louis
1957 — Bob Cousy, Boston
1956 — Bob Pettit, St. Louis
1955 — Bill Sharman, Boston
1954 — Bob Cousy, Boston
1953 — George Mikan, Minneapolis
1952 — Paul Arizin, Philadelphia
1951 — Ed Macauley, Boston

MILLER

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45th Southeastern Conference regular-season title.

It was Miller's shot that ignited the decisive spurt by the hosts, but he came through again when he broke Vandy's press and threw the ball to Terrence Jones for a slam, thwarting the Commodores' 9-0 run with four minutes remaining.

"It was a boost for us," Miller said of Jones' slam. "It gave us a lot of momentum. That was a big play for us and he's made big play after big play for us throughout the whole year."

Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings described Miller as a "good player" and likes the way he "plays and acts."

"I admire him as a player," Stallings said. "He makes big shots. He is a big shot-maker and a really good player for them. He has really, in my opinion, appears to have sacrificed himself for the benefit of their team and he is a big reason they are (28-1)."

Miller appreciated the comment by Stallings, but added that he's just playing within the framework of the team.

"I feel like I'm doing what I need to do to make this a successful team," he said. "I feel like we have all the right parts and if everyone plays their part, we will have a championship."

Kentucky coach John Calipari said Miller's first-half showing resembled "old" habits developed by the senior

guard, but the Kentucky coach advised Miller to "keep shooting."

Miller had no answer to Kentucky's slow start. He dismissed the noon tipoff didn't think the early starting time was an excuse.

"I don't know why we came out so sluggish," he said. "We've really got to get that fixed, especially with tournament time coming up — you lose and you go home. You really can't depend on coming through at the last second to win games, we've got to play the entire 40 minutes."

End the end, it was the team's "will to win" that overshadowed the opening half.

"We all focused hard at the end and came out with a (win)," he said. "I'm happy the

guys get the ball in my hands at the end of the game and I hope I can continue to make plays. When it gets to the end of the game, I just feel like all of us focus on what doing what it takes to win games."

VANDERBILT (20-9) — Ezeli 5-10 5-6 15, Tinsley 1-5 4-5 7, Goulbourne 4-10 3-4 11, Jenkins 6-18 2-3 18, Taylor 8-16 1-5 19, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Fuller 0-0 0-0 0, Parker 2-3 0-0 4, Tchiengang 0-1 0-0 0, Odom 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-63 15-23 74.
KENTUCKY (28-1) — Jones 5-7 2-2 12, Kidd-Gilchrist 4-10 0-0 8, Davis 10-11 8-9 28, Lamb 4-7 0-0 9, Teague 5-12 6-7 16, Miller 4-9 0-0 9, Vargas 0-0 1-2 1, Wiltjer 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-56 17-20 83.
Halftime — Vanderbilt 37-36, 3-Point Goals — Vanderbilt 7-18 (Jenkins 4-9, Taylor 2-5, Tinsley 1-3, Parker 0-1), Kentucky 2-10 (Lamb 1-3, Miller 1-4, Kidd-Gilchrist 0-1, Teague 0-2). Fouled Out — Jones, Kidd-Gilchrist. Rebounds — Vanderbilt 29 (Taylor 9), Kentucky 37 (Davis 11). Assists — Vanderbilt 7 (Johnson 2), Kentucky 11 (Teague 6). Total Fouls — Vanderbilt 18, Kentucky 18. A — 24,388.

Daytona 500 washed out

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Following a captivating championship and the addition of Danica Patrick, the last thing NASCAR wanted was a glitch.

And certainly not a full-on delay that pushed NASCAR into a lunchtime slot Monday for its biggest event of the year.

But the stock-car series will have to deal with a lower-profile stage for its banner day today to open the season.

The Daytona 500 was postponed Sunday for the first time in its 54-year history after heavy rain saturated Daytona International Speedway.



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♦ Q 7 3	♣ A 9	♦ J 5 4	♣ Q J 10 7 3
♣ K 9 8 6 2			
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ 8 2	♥ A K J 10 4 3	♠ A K J 10 4 3	♥ 9
♦ J 10 8 6 5 2	♣ K Q 6	♦ J 10 8 6 5 2	♣ A 5 4
♣ 10 8 7 3 2		♣ —	

The bidding:
East 1 ♠
Pass
Pass
South 1 ♥
Dble
West 2 ♠
1 ♥
North 3 ♠
Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — two of hearts.

This deal was played in the 1935 national pair championship held at Skytop, Pa. The hand received wide publicity at the time because it was one of the first published examples of the ruffing convention that B. Jay Becker introduced into tournament play at this event. The convention has since become accepted standard defensive procedure and is known by most players as the suit-preference signal.

The idea was a simple one. By making judicious use of spot cards in a ruffing situation, a defender could

indicate which suit he wanted returned after his partner ruffed.

Becker held the East hand, and his partner, Waldemar von Zedtwitz, led the two of hearts. After seeing dummy, Becker concluded that his partner had not led a club — the suit he had opened the bidding with — because he did not have one to lead.

Furthermore, the deuce of hearts, supposedly West's fourth-best heart, could not be on the level because von Zedtwitz would not have bid one heart over South's double with only a four-card suit headed by the jack. So Becker read the heart deuce as being a request for him to return the lower-ranking side suit, clubs.

Accordingly, he won the heart with the king and returned the three of clubs. This asked von Zedtwitz to return the lower-ranking suit (as between hearts and diamonds) after he ruffed the club.

Everything worked out as planned. Waldy ruffed the club and, in conformance with his partner's request, returned a diamond. Becker won with the ace and gave his partner another club ruff. They got no more tricks, but the contract was done one.

The mechanics of the suit-preference signal are very simple. A low card calls for a return of the lower-ranking side suit, and a high card calls for a return of the higher-ranking side suit.

Tomorrow: No time to relax.
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Sudoku

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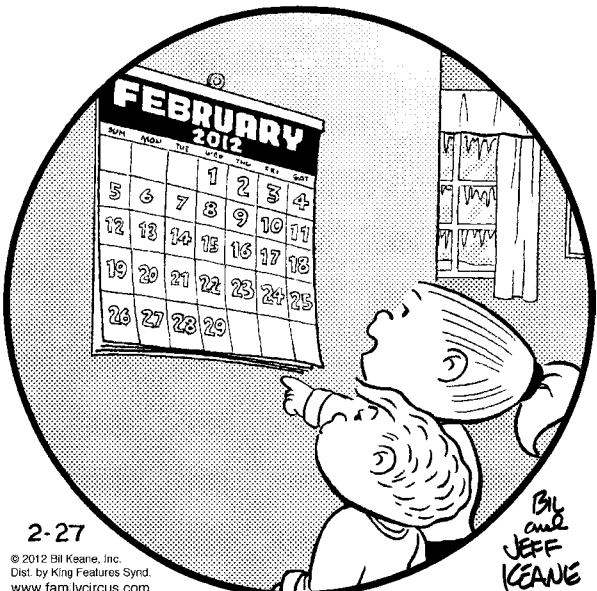
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Monday's unlisted clue hint: Advertisement on your Lawn

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“Winter gets to be one day longer this year.”

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS
- 1 Flour-making spot
 - 5 Perennial campaign issue
 - 9 Kayak's cousin
 - 10 Modify
 - 12 One of the Chipmunks
 - 13 Baseball's Yogi
 - 14 Kid's sandwich, for short
 - 16 Gratuity
 - 17 Cincinnati team
 - 18 Metal men
 - 21 High card
 - 22 "Ocean's Eleven," for one
 - 23 Namely
 - 24 "Scram!"
 - 26 Tourist's aid
 - 29 Sauerkraut sandwich
 - 30 Opera's Carreras
 - 31 Rower's need
 - 32 Jet pilot's pressure
 - 34 Sports setting
 - 37 Modify
 - 38 Fists, in slang
- DOWN
- 1 Dark red wine
 - 2 Overrun
 - 3 They may be girded
 - 4 Give for a time
 - 5 Quick punch
 - 6 Keats poem
 - 7 Composer Béla
 - 8 Pixie
 - 39 Detroit team
 - 40 Butter squares
 - 41 Spring period

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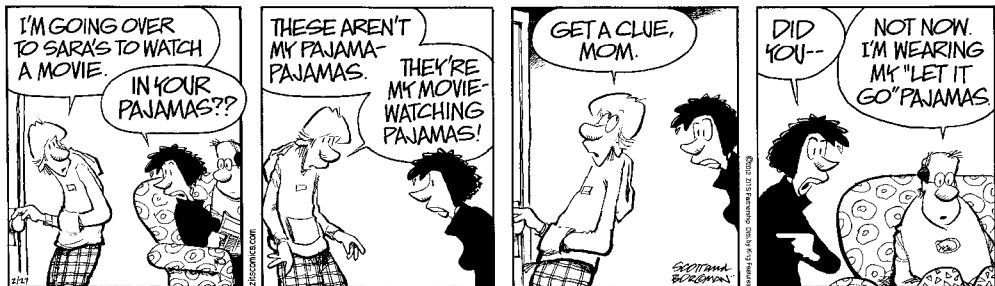
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| 20 Cave dweller | 28 Jury members |
| 22 Learning method | 29 Highway |
| 23 Bar bill | 30 "Salt" star |
| | 33 Plummet |
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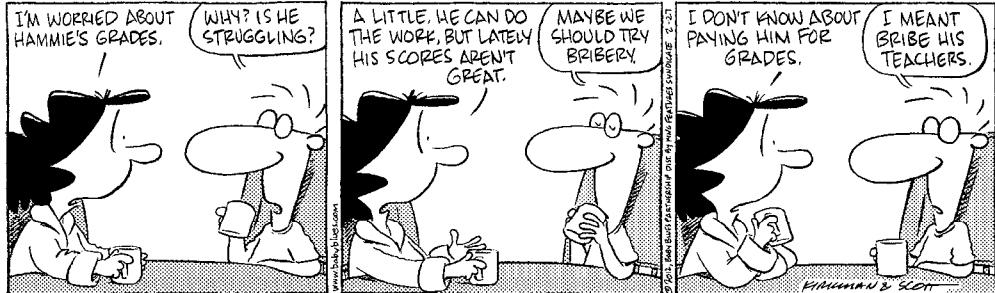
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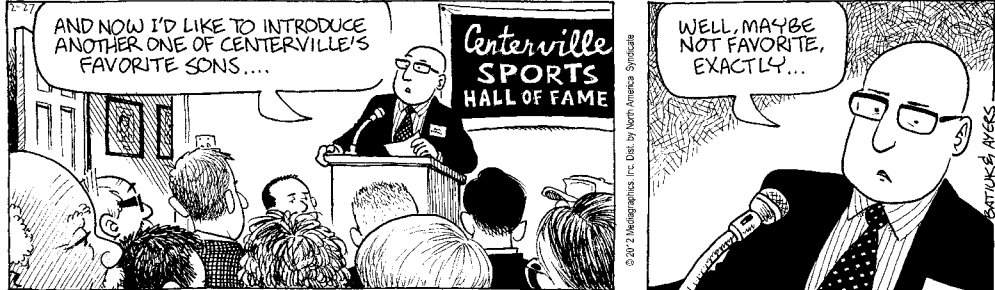
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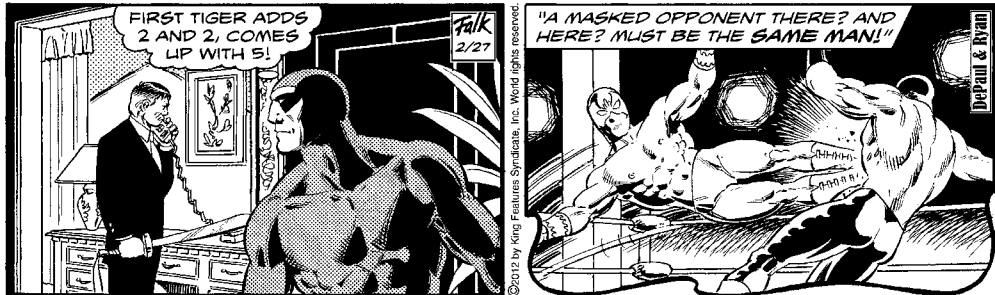
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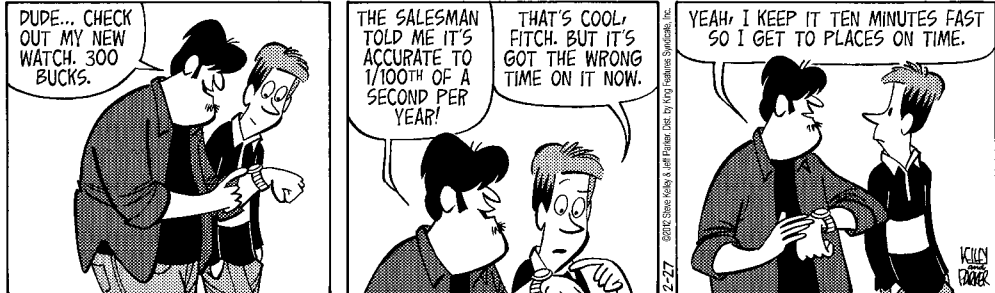
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Feb. 27, 2012:

Energy combines with drive this year. You will be close to unstoppable when you are focused. You also will express yourself with precision in building more support for projects, your lifestyle and anything else of importance. If you are single, your strength and awareness make you desirable on yet another level, causing others to feel intimidated. The person you hook up with this year might not be right for your life. You will enjoy the bond nevertheless. If you are attached, include your significant other more often in your plans. You do not want him or her to feel isolated. You could work together to make a goal a reality. TAURUS understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You have the right words to convince another person of how skilled you are. You could be uncomfortable with a boss, no matter how nice he or she is. Stay on top of your work and accept the situation. Tonight: Pick up several items you need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You are all smiles, as others let you know that they are there for you. You gain insight as you connect with them. A new interest, be it a person or hobby, seizes your time and attention. There is little you can do but explore and learn more. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Listen with a touch of cynicism to news that comes forward. You could be surprised by what is happening. Use a free moment to catch up on another's news. You

might like what you hear. Tonight: Know what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Keep the grand plan in your mind's eye. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening, but if you make your goal a high priority, you will be on cruise control. Listen and share more with an instrumental friend. Tonight: Confirm where you are meeting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You are running the show, whether you like it or not. An associate proves to be unusually responsive. You like what you hear. Use caution with your finances. You easily could see too much money leave your checking account. Tonight: Working late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Clearly you can be feisty. See what is happening behind the scenes to gain understanding. Detach and look at the big picture rather than react. Be more sensitive to an in-law or someone at a distance. Tonight: Brainstorm with a buddy. Note the self-imposed restrictions on your thinking.

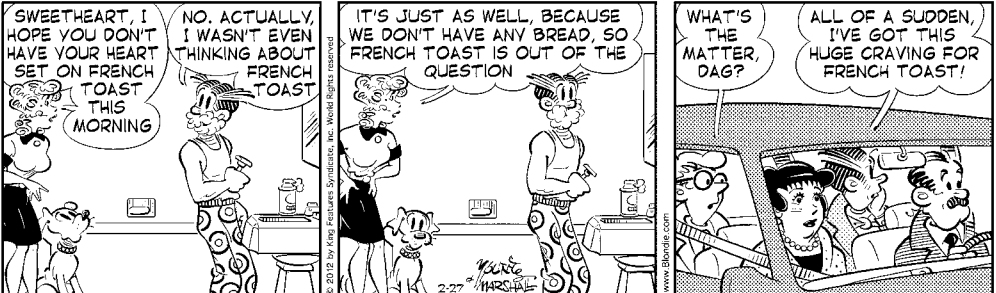
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Resist having an immediate, knee-jerk reaction. A close partner makes demands, and you respond. Discussions put the two of you on different footing. Look within to see where all the frustration and anger is coming from. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to see someone take more responsibility. Whenever he or she decides to be more dominant, even if the timing is not suitable for you, let it happen. In a meeting, someone expresses his or her anger or frustration. Help this person work through it. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

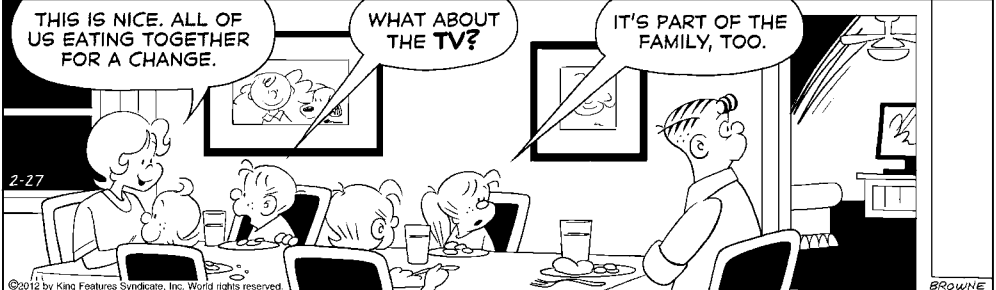
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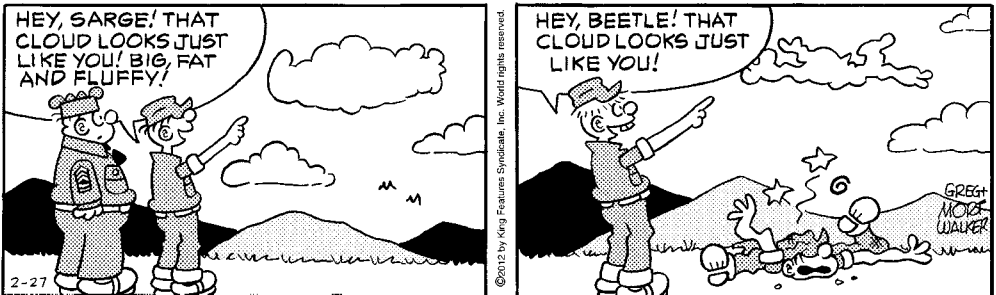
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ Pace yourself, and know when to stop. You act like your own drill master. You have reasons for this, but at the same time, allow your humanness to come out. You can and will accomplish a lot. Worry less and act more. Tonight: Easy works.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your creativity flows, which allows a more fun exchange to take place in conversations. You discover how much your attitude can impact others. Be assertive when seeking new information, and you will discover another perspective. Tonight: So what if it is Monday?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Fundamental issues become very important matters. Though work might be important, basic issues in your home and personal life need to become a high priority. Why do you work? Probably to support your personal lifestyle. Work on balancing all elements of your life. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Recognize what is doable, then proceed. Trying to catch the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow is a lovely thought, but it will not happen. You will be happier if you stay realistic in your emotional demands. A partner or friend helps you remove your rose-colored shades. Tonight: Hang out with a trusted friend.

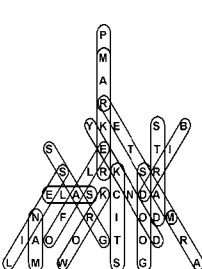
BORN TODAY

Author John Steinbeck (1902), actress Elizabeth Taylor (1932), presidential daughter Chelsea Clinton (1980)

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YARD —



Oscars: Nostalgia films take top honors

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nostalgia ruled at the Oscars, with the classic film homages "The Artist" and "Hugo" dominating with five awards each, Meryl Streep winning her first best-actress prize in nearly three decades and longtime favorite Billy Crystal returning as host.

It was a rather safe, predictable affair all around, with the winners who've heard their names throughout awards season being called up on stage one last time Sunday night. "The Artist," a black-and-white love letter to silent film, won best picture, best director for France's Michel Hazanavicius and best actor for Jean Dujardin as an actor who finds his career in danger with the arrival of the talkies. It also earned prizes for costume design and original score.

"Hugo," Martin Scorsese's 3-D mixture of family adventure and plea for film preservation, collected its prizes in the technical categories: cinematography, art direction, sound mixing, sound editing and visual effects.

Streep, the most celebrated ac-



The Associated Press
Angelina Jolie presents an award during the 84th Academy Awards on Sunday in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

tress of our generation, found herself in the unusual position of playing the sentimental, underdog favorite. Many (including AP's film writers) had chosen Viola Davis as the likely favorite to win best actress for her formidable portrayal of a maid in the 1960s South in "The Help." But Streep, who's been nominated more than any other actor in

Oscar history — 17 times — hadn't won since 1982's "Sophie's Choice."

The glittering crowd in the theater (and journalists in the press room alike) erupted in gasps and cheers when Streep's name was called for her uncanny performance as former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady." Streep was quick to thank her longtime makeup artist J. Roy Helland, who was also a winner Sunday night, for transforming her for the past 37 years.

Asked backstage whether she might celebrate with a couple of whiskeys — Thatcher's favorite drink — Streep deadpanned: "I'm going to start with a couple."

The energy she brought to the show was a rarity. Sure, there was an inadvertent F-bomb from T.J. Martin, one of the directors of the high-school football film "Unde-feated," which won best documentary feature. The women of "Bridesmaids" continued the "Scorsese!" drinking game they started a few weeks ago at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, taking a swig when-

ever someone said the director's name.

Bret McKenzie of "Flight of the Conchords" had a nice original-song win for the hilarious "Man or Muppet" from "The Muppets" — but even that was no big shocker in a field of just two nominees. And it was a pleasant surprise seeing Kirk Baxter and Angus Wall win film editing for the beautifully fluid "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" on a night when "Hugo" was expectedly (and deservedly) winning so many technical awards.

But for the most part, the Oscars were more of the same. Christopher Plummer, who's won every award and critics' group accolade imaginable, earned his long overdue Oscar for supporting actor for the romantic comedy "Beginners," in which he plays a 75-year-old man who finally comes out as gay. At 82, he's the oldest acting winner ever.

"You're only two years older than me, darling," Plummer said on stage, admiring his golden trophy. "Where have you been all my life?"

Oscar winners

1. Best Picture: "The Artist."
2. Actor: Jean Dujardin, "The Artist."
3. Actress: Meryl Streep, "The Iron Lady."
4. Supporting Actor: Christopher Plummer, "Beginners."
5. Supporting Actress: Octavia Spencer, "The Help."
6. Directing: Michel Hazanavicius, "The Artist."
7. Foreign Language Film: "A Separation," Iran.
8. Adapted Screenplay: Alexander Payne, Nat Faxon and Jim Rash, "The Descendants."
9. Original Screenplay: Woody Allen, "Midnight in Paris."
10. Animated Feature Film: "Rango."
11. Art Direction: "Hugo."
12. Cinematography: "Hugo."
13. Sound Mixing: "Hugo."
14. Sound Editing: "Hugo."
15. Original Score: "The Artist."
16. Original Song: "Man or Muppet" from "The Muppets."
17. Costume Design: "The Artist."
18. Documentary Feature: "Unde-fated."
19. Documentary Short: "Saving Face."
20. Film Editing: "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo."
21. Makeup: "The Iron Lady."
22. Animated Short Film: "The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore."
23. Live Action Short Film: "The Shore."
24. Visual Effects: "Hugo."

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